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United front by Cabinet, Leyland and Councils get from jail as KGB 21 unions to break strike

eaders of Leyland's tool room strikers sterday defied an ultimatum from the GREE anagement ordering them to return work by Monday or face dismissal. well shows the ultimatum received the full back- be no breaking of the ranks. Skilled men

Tool room men threaten to

defy 'go back or

be dismissed' ultimatum

ing of the Cabinet and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. But Mr Roy Fraser, leader of the unofficial strikers, said there would

inside and outside Leyland who had offered help would be approached for their full support. About 400 Rolls-Royce tool-room workers will support

them with a 24-hour strike today.



Mr Roy Fraser, the strikers' leader, yesterday: "No breaking of ranks."

Union leaders estimate that it will add £50m to the company's annual wages bill to end all the anomalies existing in the 37 plants of the cars The company also agreed to sit down with the unions to determine the prin-

ciples that should govern differentials between various jobs. It said its deter-mination to tackle wage inequalities should convince the striking toolmakers that their grievances will be properly dealt with".
On that basis the company is opening

ment as the price for further investment

company is setting up two working parties to discuss the reform of wage

structures for manual and white-collar

workers. That is regarded as a vital

step in dealing with the whole range of collective bargaining difficulties beset-

in advance of the establishment of these working groups the company now makes a positive declaration of its desire to agree a phased programme to pay comparable wages to employees performing the same jobs throughout Leyland Cars as and when incomes policy permits. This would apply to toolmakers as well as to all other employees."

ing the motor manufacturing gro The Leyland statement said: "Even in advance of the establishment of

all its plants for production on Monday and hopes that all workers, including the toolmakers, will report for normal work. "In the event that the tool-makers do not report for work they will be deemed by the company as hav-ing terminated their employment with Leyland Cars", the statement con-

The executive committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions has voted unanimously to support the management's ultimatum. It said last night:
"With the knowledge that the toolmakers are not wishing to break the social contract and because of the comsocal contract and because of the com-pany's positive statement that it agrees in principle to provide comparable rate of earnings for comparable jobs throushout Leyland Cars, the unions, recognizing the immediate crisis, are not prepared to stand aside and see thousands of people suffer a loss of

jobs. We repeat that the desire for separate bargaining arrangements for toolmakers cannot be cooceded and in company decision to reopen the plants involved in the stoppage. The CSEU executive members endorse the decision of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers council not to support its members if they refuse to return to

After delivering that statement Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the AUEW, said: "That means if the company dismisses our members we will not approach the company saying they have

done wrong."
Mr Pat Lowry, Leyland's board member for industrial relations, said the company was directing its efforts over the next few days towards persuading the tool room men to go back. There will be a meeting toworrow of the company's joint management council,

involving managers and shop stewards, to drive home the gravity of the situation and explain the reasons for the union-management agreement to open the strikebound plants.

"There can be no justification for the action to be continued", he said. "It is encouraging to find complete unity of purpose between management and the full executive of the CSES. We emphasize with all the vigour we can that we do hope that the tool-universe will make account the war clear. makers will now accept the very clear advice that has been issued by the accredited officials."

No such response came from the 11 members of the tool room committee. Mr Roy Fraser, chairman, said yesterday: "We do not think there will be any brenking of our ranks. We can envisage a situation whereby the company will call in contract labour and try to get supervision to undertake the necessary skilled work.

"We will now call upon all skilled men who have offered to assist us within British Leyland and outside British Leyland for their full support." "We are still convinced that our case of support from the members we represent." All 63 tool room shop stewards are being called to a meeting in Birmingham today.

A mass meeting of the strikers on the lines of last Friday's gathering. where Mr Scanlon's peace overtures

were rejected out of hand, is planned for later in the week.

Mr Fraser added: "We are no running into a type of industrial relations attitude of the 1930s. This will affect every worker in this country Leyland management succeeds in this type of coercion. If it is doomsday for Leyland, I think by sacking three rhousand toolmakers they are creating that situation."

Leyland managers hope that enough tool room men will turn up for work on Monday to restart the production lines at most plants. Production workers have shown willingness to cross the strikers' picket lines, and once divorced from the heady atmosphere of mass meetings, it is argued, many of the toolmakers will want to return to their jobs.

The company is conscious of the "political overtones" of prolonging the dispute, and sought ministerial approval for their initiative from Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment. The ministers gave it

Sympathy strike: About 400 tool room workers in Rolls-Royce plants in Derby and Leicestershire said vesterday that they would hold a one-day strike today in support of the Leyland strikers.

Callaghan warning, page 2

power to run lotteries

By Marcel Berlins From May 1 local authorities will have the power for the first time to promore lotteries. Charitable, sporting, cultural and other voluntary societies will be able to promote lotteries on a larger scale than at

The commencement order bringing into operation the regulations governing such lotteries was published yester-

The Association of District Councils said the new law was not enough and too late? Some local authorities would welcome it, but money raised through the lotteries would be "a drop in the ocean" and would not ease the rates.

The Association of County Councils said many councils would not find it worth the

Local authorities will be entitled to promote lotteries for any purpose for which they any purpose for whith mey have the power to incur expen-diture. In general, it is expected that they will be used for relazively small-scale projects. Lotteries promoted by both local authorities and independent societies will be subject to some restrictions. The price of tickets must not exceed 25p. and the maximum prize mone; will be limited.

For short-term lotteries, held more often than once a month, the maximum value of a single prize will be £1,000. A mediumterm lottery, held at intervals of between one and three months, will be able to give £1,500 for a single prize, and those held less frequently will be allowed £2,000.

There will also be limits on the total value of tickets sold: £10,000 for a short-term lottery, £20,000 for a medium-term and £40,000 for others.

Prizes must not account for

Prizes must not account for more than half the entire proceeds of the lottery, and expenses will also be restricted. When a society wants to promote a lottery it will have to register with the local authority and possibly also with the and possibly also with the Gaming Board. All local auth-ority schemes will have to be approved by the board.

The regulations prohibit the selling of lottery tickets in licensed betting offices, bingo and gaming clubs, amusement arcades and vending machines. GLC disappointed: Mr Illryd Harrington, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, said last night that sums involved were derisory. The GLC could operate a lottery every three months with big prizes of £50,000, £25,000 and £10,000.

And we could deliver £100,000 into public funds at the same time", he said.

US supplies to help Zaire

Washington, March 15.—The United States today sent by air a first shipment of military supplies to Kinshasa in response to the Zaire Government's request for help in repelling invaders.

The shipment consists medical supplies, ratio medical supplies, rations, soldiers backpacks and portable fuel tanks. The Pentagon said there were no munitions or weapons involved although the State Department is clearly taking seriously the supposed Business News, page 21 | incursion from Angola.

from jail as KGB seizes Jewish activist

Moscow, March 15.—The KGB today seized Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, a Jewish activist, who was accused with two other Jews of working for American Intelligence by the Government newspaper Izvestia earlier this

month.

The move came within two hours of official news that Dr Mikhail Shtern, a Jewish doctor, whose trial on bribery charges in 1974 aroused a wave of pro-rests abroad, was being released. Mr Shcharansky, a member of an unofficial group monitoring Soviet implementation of the human rights provisions of the

Helsinki accord, was pushed into a car by police as foreign reporters watched.

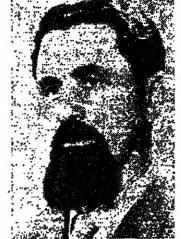
Mr Shcharansky, aged 29, was Mr Shcharansky, aged 22, was accompanying two American reporters from the apartment building where he has been staying with Mr Vladimir Slepak, a fellow Jewish activist, when the KGB moved in.

Mr Slepak has also been accused by Irnestia of working for the CIA. The reporters had gone to the apartment to discuss

gone to the apartment to discuss the release of Dr Shtern. Just a week ago Dr Shtern's

wife met Western correspondents to make a plea for her husband's release. It was Mr Shcharansky who arranged the meeting and acced as an inter-

preter for her.
Reporting the release of Dr
Shtern, Tass said that the
Ukrainian Supreme Court had reduced the original sentence of eight years to two years nine months, the time he had already spent in desention. He was released yesterday.



Dr Mikhail Shtern: Western support helped.

The court found that Dr Shtern was correctly sentenced, but it acted from "socialist humanism ».

Dr Shtern, contacted by tele-hone at his home in Vinnitsa, said he was sure support from abroad had helped to secure his release. He rejected the bribery charges on which he was jailed and maintained his innocence.

"I am absolutely not guilty of anything. The accusations of bribery and swindling are the most primitive camoullage for the real reason for my arrest— the emigration of my children (to Israel)", he said—Reuter and AP.

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Moscow allows hijack plane **Boeing to** make landing | London

By Our Foreign Staff

A Spanish airliner, hijacked by Luciano Porcari, an Italian gumman, was heading for Moscow early this morning. The Soviet authorities had given permission for it to land. according to the Spanish Am-bassador in Moscow.

The aircraft, believed to be still carrying 12 passengers and six crew, was hijacked on Mon-day while flying from Barce-lone to Majorca. It had since made refuelling stops in Algiers, Abidjan (Ivory Coast), Seville and Turin and had twice landed in Zurich.

In Abidjan Senor Porcari ollected his three-year-old daughter by an Ivory Coast mother, but in Turin his estranged Ethiopia Isabella, refused to hand over their five-year-old daughter, Consuelo, in exchange for the hijacked passengers.

Yesterday the hijacker re-leased 14 of the passengers and one stewardess in Zurich and

Theria Airlines said in Madrid that Signor Porcari had promised that Moscow would be the last stop and that he would let the pussengers dis-embark there and give himself up. However, the short-range Boeing 727 would have to refuel before reaching the Soviet

Photograph, page 6 | Sea.

Greeks hold spotters from

Five alreraft spotters from London were being interrogated by Athens security police and intelligence officers today on suspicion of espionage.

They were arrested at Athens airport last night as they pre-pared to board a flight to Lon-

The five men, the oldest among them aged 28, are Kieron Andrew Pilbeam, Roy Leonard Sturgess, Christopher John Knott, Christopher Dennis Tay-lor, and Timothy James Blyth-

The Greek police said the men were found in possession of lists of numbers of military sircraft as well as sketches of aircraft and possibly of run-

In view of tensions with Turkey, Greeks are particularly sensitive about foreigners prying into their military secrets.

Crane driver lost at sea

A crane driver was presumed dead yesterday afternoon after his cab snapped from the rest of the structure on a North Sea oil rig and plunged 200ft into

the sea. The accident happened on the Beryl A oil production plat-form operated by Mobil North

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British Gas Corporation has ed selling beed selling Frigg gas sup-industry, and the oil panies fear that the prod new price increase may apt an even larger change

Consumers from Nine back Britain in war on food prices From David Cross Brussels, March 15

Representatives of the European Community's 260 million pean Community's 260 million consumers today called for a price freeze on basic foodstuffs which are in surplus; like cereals, butter, milk and sugar. It was "absurd", they argued, to increase prices for these products when such large surpluses existed and when expensive and unfair ways of disposing of them had to be

of disposing of them had to be The appeal was communicat-

ed personally to Mr John Sil-kin, the British Minister of kin, the British Minister of wives the practice of exporting. Agriculture and acting presi-Community food at subsidized

dent of the EEC's Council of Ministers, in Brussels today by the European Bureau of Con-sumer Organizations.

It was the first time that the president of the EEC's Council tion from the bureau-a consortium of European consum ers' associations.

During their 30-minute meet-

ing with Mr Silkin, before ministers of the Nine resumed negotiations over this spring's

prices to countries like the Community's chronic dairy sur-Soviet Union. The bureau was plus, he said that for the EEC also opposed the practice of to spend 2,000m units of restricting consumers' freedom account (about £1,140m) a to choose cheaper or more suitable alternative foods.

These views are close to those voiced by the British Government during this year's price fixing negotiations. Mr Gavin Strang, the Parliament farm price review, the representatives said they found it in the automn, as suggested by impossible to explain to house the European Commission, was over-generous.

farmers was a monstrous misuse" of its resources. However, the British are alone in calling for a price freeze on dairy products. Most other members would prefer other members would prefer an increase higher than the Commission has so far been tary Secretary at the Ministry an increase higher than the of Agriculture, argued force Commission has so far been fully today that even a modest willing to concede. There are 3 per cent rise in dairy prices also considerable divergences among the Nine over other suggested measures to reduce dairy production, like a ban on In a forceful attack on the investment aids, and the pay-

their produce.

The Nine are also divided year on supporting dairy over the Commission's sugges-farmers was "a monstrous tions for trimming the socalled "green" currencies, the units in which Community farm prices are calculated. Indeed, this will probably be the most difficult part of the price review to resolve.

The ministers are still hop-

ing to complete their deliberations at a final marathon meeting in Brussels in 10 days' time, so that the new prices can take effect from April 1.

UDR man shot dead in front of children

Criticism of the "Ulsterization" of the Government's security policy in Northern Ireland will be voiced today by a Police Federation delegation and "loyalist" MPs who are concerned about renewed IRA attacks on locally recruited members of the security forces. A UDR man was shot dead in front of his children in one of the latest artacks. Another UDR man was seriously wounded and an RUC constable was injured in other shootings Page 4

Pension equality

Sex discrimination in pension schemes in respect of contributions, benefits, options and arrangements for the preservation and transfer of benefits would be outlawed under proposals issued by the Govern-

Anglo-US alignment

Mr Callaghan told the House of Commons yesterday that on all main issues Britain and America were following similar paths since his cordial meetings with President Carter in Washington. For the Conservatives Mrs Thatcher welcomed the renewed emphasis on the "special

Earthquake survivor was buried 10 days

Mr Sorin Crainic, aged 29, survived 252 hours without food or water buried in the rubble of a Bucharest building after the Romanian earthquake. He was rescued after a search party heard a noise when a brick was moved, and was discovered trapped in a basement corridor. He escaped without a scratch but was suffer-ing from shock and dehydration Page 9

Aircraft Bill agreed
The Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, the controversial legislation to nationalize the aircraft and shipbuilding industries, completed its final parliamentary stage peacefully and without division in the Commons yesterday
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Bishop of Ripon dies

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The Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev Stuart Hetley Price, who announced his impending resignation because of ill health a week ago, has died at his home, Bishop Mount, Ripon. He was 54 and was appointed to Ripon last year Obituary, page 18

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Lord Chelmer to go

Lord Chelmer, who has been senior treasurer of the Conservative Party for more than 11 years, has told Mrs Thatcher. that he wants to resign. He is 62. He is not in conflict with Mr Alastair McAlpine. appointed as a party treasurer by Mrs Thatcher in 1975, but, privately, he disagrees with Lord Thorneycroft and other party leaders on state financing of political parties (Our Political Correspon-

Song contest curb

BBC cameramen plan to prevent the Eurovision song contest from being held elsewhere in Europe, Britain withdrew as host because a cameramen's dispute led to fears that the programme would be

Mortgage relief: Tax relief on mortgages will not be changed in the forthcoming Budget, although the Government accepts the need for its review

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Conservative MPs who made sarcastic remarks about British sarcastic remarks about British
Leyland when the Prime
Minister spoke of the "remarkable job" done by the trade
unions in the car industry were
told by Mr Callaghan yesterday: "This is a very serious
matter, not a laughing matter." He added: "The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Ingineering Unions issued an

inprecedented statement today, omething that has never happened in our industrial history; where they have agreed with British Leyland agreed with British Leyland that if, when the factories and workshops open on Monday, the men do not go back to work they will be regarded as having discharged themselves.

"This is unprecedented, and Mr Scanlon and other trade union leaders deserve the full support of the Opposition and

But Mr Collaghan also had a warning for the British Leyland workers. "What has bappened so far means that the Government will have to review the future of British Leyland in the light of the way the situation develops", he said.

"Whatever happens now, a review of British Leyland's plan for 1977 will be needed. How drastic it will be will depend on the speed with which the men return to work."

Sir Keith Joseph, the Opposition's chief industry spokesman, said on the independent televisaid on the Independent televi-sion programme New's at One yesterday that selling off the more profitable parts of British Leyland would be one solution to the company's difficulties. Managing the parts separately would be another; "slimming down the unsuccessful part until it performs competi-

"If it cannot perform com-petitively, then investing the

taxpayer's money is the same as throwing it down the drain. Every day, even today, there are firms laying off labour because of the cost to those firms in taxation, in interest rates, in inflation, as a result of subsidies going to British Leyland.

"These rescue operations are not costless. They have to be paid for by the taxpayer, and every penny taken from the tax-payer causes unemployment

every penny taken from the tax-payer causes unemployment somewhere in the country. Rescues do a great deal of damage. They have to be paid for out of the earnings of people in healthy firms." R. W. Shakespeare writes: By yesterday about 41.500 Leyland workers were laid off and management spokesmen said that all but a thousand of them had been directly effected by

that all but a thousand of them had been directly effected by the roolmakers' strike. Ten Leyland models were out of production because of the dispute. All the workers laid off will be recalled on Monday morning but the rate at which vehicle production can be returned will production can be resumed will depend on how the tool room men respond to the company's ultimatum and how soon component supplies begin to flow

The extent to which Leyland could "farm out" the work normally done by its own tool room men is problematical. Much of it involves work within the plants on maintenance and the reprise of breakdowns and the repair of breakdowns, and it seems unlikely that outside engineering companies or con-tractors, many of whom are short of skilled workers, will be

able to help. Throughout the tool room dispute the strike leaders have maintained that the erosion of differentials and the lowering of status of skilled men not only within the car plants but in engineering generally is one of the main factors in a short-age of skilled men in the indus-try.

Police Federation boycotts talks on pay increase

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120,000 members of the Police Federation boycotted yester-day's three-hour meeting of the Police Council in London, despite a request by the Prime Minister to attend to settle their £6-a-week claim.

Sir John Nightingale, Chief Constable of Essex and chairman of the Police Council, said

they had been told that their pay demand would break the social contract.

Sir John said last night that he hoped that by describing future talks as "informal and outside the normal framework of the Police Council" the federation would be able to agree to restart degotiations.

Step taken towards sex equality in pensions

and men in occupational pension schemes came a step nearer yesterday when the Government issued its detailed proposals for legislation in that

The proposals will outlaw sex discrimination in pension schemes in respect of contributions and tions, benefits, options and arrangements for the preserva-tion and transfer of benefit. However, differences between male and female retirement ages are to continue.

Details of the proposed legis-lation take the form of a con-sultative document. It is the second time within 12 months that the Department of Health and Social Security has come back for advice and comment on how it should tackle equal treatment for men and women in private pension schemes.

When the Occupational Pensions Board first delivered its report on equal status for the sexes last August the Government moved quickly to adopt its proposals for both legisla-tion and voluntary improvement of pension schemes.

The evidence it has recieved after its first consultative document has led to some small changes in its approach, notably in the difficult areas of options, where one spouse can choose whether or not to make pro-vision for the other, and pensions for divorced or separated

The Government has modified its original intention that in cases of dispute between hus-hand and wife the scheme trustees should have the final word, but it still feels that general legislation on exercising options is required, leaving it to individual companies to decide how best to implement

In respect of divorced or separated wives it suggests that the courts should be em-powered only to allocate pro-vision for them after the death

of a scheme member.

Where the Occupational Pensions Board has recommended voluntary action, it is the Government's view that it should be encouraged by the adoption of a code of conduct. A Bill is to be introduced as soon as possible and the Government says that although evidence is required by the end of June that should not be taken as an assurance that the Bill will not be introduced

Churchill exhibition

informally to persuade them to return to the negotiating table.

The federation walked out of the council in October after

Mr James Jardine, chairman of the federation, said: "We are always prepared to talk about pay outside the Police at Blenheim Palace on Monday until October 31.

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Immigrants' children 'will have to fight for better jobs'

First-generation black and Asian immigrants, ost of whom are concentrated in un-attractive or low-paid jobs, are likely to remain in those jobs throughout their working lives. But there are signs of better job prospects for the second generation, although they will not be achieved without a struggle.

Those are the two main conclusions of a report by the Department of Employment's Unit for Manoower Studies on a two-year examination of the role of immigrant workers in the labour market. Most of the statistical data are derived from the 1971 census, but the field work was carried out in 1974 and 1975.

The report says that immi-grants, particularly those from the New Commonwealth, are concentrated in unskilled and semi-skilled jobs for which it is difficult to recruit, or retain other workers because, for in-stance of the need to work awkward hours, unpleasant working

Immigrants were found to be more likely than other workers ro be employed in low-paid industrial jobs, such as textiles and clothing, and in unpleasant jobs, such as those in foundries, where the work was unusually hot, heavy and dirty, and in some sections of the rubber and

environments, or relatively low

plastics industry, where condi-tions were often hot and smelly. Immigrants were also more likely than others to be employed on shifts, particularly night shifts, and to work long hours; some were found to be regularly working shifts of 10 12 hours five days a week. Although immigrants (including those born in the Irish Republic) account for only about 6 per cent of the total working population in Britain, they account for much of the

labour force in certain industries and companies.

In the London Brick Company's Stewarthy works, near Bedford, for example, 45 percent of the hourly paid workers were born outside the British

industry night shifts are often manned almost entirely by Asian workers; and in London there is a marked dependence on immigrant labour in some public services and in hotels and catering.

The most common explana-tion, given by three quarters of employers visited, of why their organizations had a high concentration of immigrant workers was the difficulty of attracting other workers.

Other reasons included their location near an immigrant area, the tendency for immi-grants, especially Asians, to help their friends and relatives to find jobs, the immigrants' preference for higher earnings rather than leisure, and a ten-dency for white workers to leave when concentrations of immigrant, especially Asian, workers exceeded a certain

Racial discrimination was an obstacle in finding a job and in obtaining promotion, the report says. Discrimination, however, was not simply a matter of

applicants through prejudice; it might also occur because employers feared that other employees or customers would object if they took on a black employee.

First-generation immigrants First-generation immigrants were often further hampered by language difficulties to recent survey found that two thirds of As. and aged over 45 spoke English only slightly or not at all; lack of education or training, and insufficient length of service to qualify for promotion.

Many of those "obstacles to upward mobility," were likely to be at least lowered for the to he at least towered for the second generation of immigrants, who have had much of their education in Britain, the report suggests. Many young black people rejected what they saw as the low-status, menial jobs of their parents.

The report points to other factors that are likely, in its view, to improve the employment prospects of young black people: the changing attitude of the trade unions; specific

ment and such organizations at the Community Relations Com-mission to combat racial disadvantage training courses and advice centres, for example, and the new tough antidistripination legislation incorporated in the Race Relations Act, which is about to come into force.

The report's conclusion is less than wholly optimistic, however. Even black people who have had much of their education in Britain are subject to serious disadvantages, it says. But there was some evidence to suggest that young black people with the appropriate qualifications are entering high quality jobs. "though they often need to make more determined and protracted efforts. mined and protracted efforts than white boys and kirks with similar qualifications to obtain

The role of immigrans in the labour market: Project report by the Unit of Manpower Studies (Available free to intersted organizations from the Department of Employment, Steel House, it Tothill Street, London SWI).

Hostile reaction to plan to cut mortgage relief

By David Leigh Political Staff

Labour Party lobbying to persuade the Government to restrict mortgage tax relief brought a predictably hostile response from Contervatives yesterday. The Prime Minister made it clear that present policy ought to be reconsidered, but was not going to be a feature of the forthcoming Budget

"The trouble with our mortgage-interest tax relief is that, like Topsy, it has just growed", he said. "There is a good case for reviewing it as the housing finance review is now doing, and we shall present our conclusions to the House in due course.

The review process was raking longer than he had hoped, but it was complex and he did not want to have it rushed.

This is a highly sensitive political matter, as the Labour National Executive Committee's housing subcommittee was aware when it put its proposals to Mr Shore. Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Berney Chief Secretary Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, on Monday.

There is a running argument between those who think housing subsidies are too soft on council tenants and those who think owner-occupiers do too well out of the inflation-distorted system. There is also the difficulty of the resentful the difficulty of high-wage earner.

The Transport House brief-ing paper conceded: "It is

sometimes argued that adjust-ments to mortgage relief could not be countenanced politically because this relief is prized as one of the few remaining ways of offsetting high tax rates, especially for taxpayers above the standard rate."

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Shadow Chancellor, put it more pungently yesterday in a speech in the City of London: "The proposal would be a hammer-blow to the morale of middle management at a time when serious and growing damage to industrial efficiency is already being caused by financial pressures on managers' living sures on managers' living standards, which have fallen by up to one-third in the past five

Home-buyers are excused tax on their mortgage interest, although a maximum mortgage limit was set at £25,000 two years ago. The NEC members think the present system waste-ful and unfair because the better-off, on high tax rates. ger correspondingly more valuable tax excusals; because people who have had mortgages for a long time pay out only a small part of their income on housing; and because first-time buyers still suffer heavy fiscal

They want tax relief phased out for levels above the standard rate, to save £110m; a cut in the £25.000 ceiling to a level set at regional average house tosts: and an end to tax relief ofter 25 years of a mortgage.

Shot from

bullet machine

Only minutes after a safety

session at an ordance factory Mrs Vera Banks was "shot" it was stated vesterday at an inquest at Kidsgrove, north Staffordshire. The coroner, Mr

Frederic Hails, was told that woman workers disregarded

workers disregarded safety regulations.

The woman bullet-examiners at the Royal Ordnance Factory at Radway Green, Cheshire,

were read the rules as usual by the chargehand on Decem-ber 6. A few minutes later a 7.62 carryidge struck Mrs Banks

in the chest, and despite two emergency operations she died two days later. Mrs Banks, who

two days later. Mrs Banks, who was 43, lived in Pear Tree Road, Audley. Stoke.

Mr Hails was told that operating problems with the machines that check the gauge and weight of live bullets were corrected by the women. Machines would jam occasionally, particularly when two bullets stuck in the measuring system.

system.

Although machines should be switched off and a skilled machine setter called, Mrs Mavis Brown, a chargehand, said that was not done and women removed the safety traps and dislodged bullets.

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The jury returned an open verdict and recommended that the bullet traps should be locked, that the keys should be left with qualified machinesetters and that the practice of releasing jammed bullets by hand should cease.

Mummified body

Detectives last night were investigating the discovery of

found in

store trolley

killed woman

Parliament, page 14

the Supermarine S68, in Weston, museum director. Murder-trial jury told of ex-soldier's missing hours

The Schneider Trophy was J. N. Boothman won it for

handed over last night to Britain in 1931. The gift,

the Science Museum, Lon- presented by Vice Admiral

don, where it is to be Sir Richard Smeeton, was

exhibited with the aircraft, accepted by Dr Margaret

Trophy joins its captor: which

Robert Williams, aged 26, a former soldier, accused of murdering a man of 63, told a jury at Bristol Crown Court yesterday of a missing three hours in his memory of the night of the alleged killing. Mr Williams, who once served in Belatt the Shute Shelve service fast, said he could remember a station near Afbridge, Somer-Station of November 19 less varieties. fight and a "bang"

"The next thing I remember was looking down the wrong end of a gun. looking down the barrel of a revolver", he said.

Mr Williams, a van driver, North Street, Beominster, Bristol, has denied murdering James Spence, father of the

Flight Lieutenant

set, on November 29 last year. Air Williams has also pleaded not guilty to possessing a shot-gun with intent to endanger life.

The trial continues today.

Cameramen plan to stop song contest transfer

BBC cameramen want to stop the Eurovision song con-test, from which Britain ha-withdrawn as host, being staged in any other country. The Association of Broad-casting and Allied Staffs, to which the cameramen belong said last night that it would ask other European broadcas. ing unions not to stage th

The request comes after reports that three other countries could be host to the show The Dutch, who staged the show last year, said they would do so again if trade union agreed bur withdrew the offer when unions blacked the show Two other countries said a be interested in mounting the contest are West Germany and Bosyngal. Portugal.

Portugal.

The contest was forced ou of Britain when the camers men refused to give assurance that the show would not be affected by industrial action. The cameramen, in disput over pay grades, blacked of the contest to find the Britis entry for the show.

It is understood the camer men's union will approace other broadcasting unions an ask them to black the pr gramme.
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umbrells of broadcastic, unions, other European coun-tries will be asked to back the boycott as well.

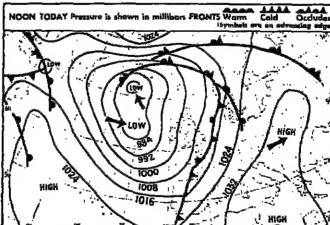
Rate rise proposed

Bexley Finance Commits last night recommended a #:rate for the borough's 77.000 15p, or 25.2 per cent. The general rate is going up by 192 per cent to 93p.

Lord Tenby in hospital

Lord Tenby, aged 54, this taken to Westminster Hospital with a fractured thigh last night after falling on a slipper sw face in Bridge Street, West-minster. He was said to be quite comfortable,

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun sets: 6.7 pm Sun rises : 6.13 am Moon rises : Moon sets : 4.25 am 2.45 pm

New moon: March 19, Lighting up: 6.37 pm to 5.41 am. High water: London Bridge, 11.16 am, 6.4m (20.9ft): 11.43 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft): Avonmouth, 4.38 am, 11.4m (37.3ft): 5.9 pm, 11.6m (38.2ft). Dover, 8.79 am, 5.8m (19.1ft); 9.7 pm, 6.0m (19.6ft). Hull, 3.34 am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 3.50 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Liverpool, 8.45 am, 8.2m (27.1ft): 9.22 pm, 8.3m (27.3ft). Pressure will be low to the W of the British Isles with a S air-stream covering most districts.

investigating the discovery of the mummified body of a man in a garbage room of a block of multistorey flats. The man, aged 55 to 65, was in a supermarket trolley at Elsdon Block, Ashfield Valley. Rochdale, Greater Manchester. The police said he had been dead for six months but had been in the garbage room for less than a week. Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Changeable, sunny intervals and showers, heavy and prolonged in places, temp hear normal but hecoming colder in N.

London, East Angha, SE. E.
Central S England, Midlands (E):
Bright intervals but rather cloudy at times with showers merging into longer spells of rain: wind S. Iresh, occasionally strong; max temp 9 or 10°C (48° to 50°F).

Midlands (W), Channel Islands, Wales, SW. NW, Central N England: Bright or suony intervals, showers, occasionally heavy and Forecast for 6 am to midnight: week.

Der Chief Supt Thomas

Butcher, of Greater Manchester
police, said: "It is possible
that he was wheeled a mile to
a mile and a half in the trolley
to Ashfield Valley. The state
of mummification suggests the body had been kept indoors in a dry, warm atmosphere."

Faster trains next month

The £20m improvements to the rail approaches to King's Cross station, London, are nearly complete. From April 4 rains will be able to travel at 100 mph from Wood Green, only 41 miles from the station. Improvements will also be ready by then to enable high-speed trains to travel at 125 protonged with thunder; wind S, fresh or strong; max temp 8° or 9°C (46° to 48°F).

Lake District. Iste of Man. Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyli. SW, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Bright intervals, frequent showers, occasionally heavy and prolonged with thunder, show on hills: wind S, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

NE England. Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee. Aberdeen. Moray Firth. NE Scotland: Bright or sunny intervals, showers, occasion-ally heavy with thunder, snow on some hills; wind S. fresh or strong; max temp 7° or 8°C (45°-46°F).

orkney, Shetland: Bright or sunny intervals, showers occasionally heavy; wind 5, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Sea passages: 5 North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind 5, galt, perhaps severe gale at times, at first; sea very rough.

English Channel (E): Wind SW, strong to gale; sea very rough.

St George's Channel, frish Sea: Wind SW, strong to gale; sea very rough.

very rough. Yesterday

London: Temp: mox. 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F): min. 6 pm to 6 pm, 7°C (45°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.06in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f. fair

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Most branches open 9-5 daily Files Saturday marrings. No charges, Assets now exceed \$4,250 million. Abbey National Euilding Society, Abbey House, Baker Street, Landon NVVI ox.

Bar. mean sea lével, 6 pm, 1,05° millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53m.

30-day forecast

The Meteorological Office seterday issued the following forterday issued the following forteast for the next 30 days: After an unsertled start, with shower or longer periods of rain it is districts, a rather cold but dies speil seems likely. For the rol of the 30 days further disturbed in mean a whole but the first half of April Mean temps are likely to mear average over the month as a whole but the first half of April 10 average than the second half of March. Rainfall is likely in the average category in a districts but percentages may sumewhat higher in the N mass sumewhat higher in the N mass in the S. Gales will probable in the S. Gales will probable than usual, but there is likely than usual, but there is likely a be more than average frost night in the first part of April About average amounts of sufficient and the sum of the sum howerer. around th , upresear might ha.

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UDR man killed by gunmen in front of children

From Christopher Walker

Belfast
A member of the Ulster
Defence Regiment was killed
and another was badly wounded
in ambushes in Northern Ireland vesterday. A constable in
the RUC was wounded in
another artack.

Island, another UDR man
arrived at his work to find two
masked Provisional IRA gunmen wairing for him. They had
tied up four members of the
staff and as he entered the
room they fired a revolver and
a shotgun filled with buckshot.
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security policy.

Mr Mason will travel to London later for a meeting be-tween the Prime Minister and a delegation of United Ulster Unionist MPs at Westminster. They will seek to put pressure on the Government for tougher measures against the Provisional IRA.

sional IRA.

The UDR man who was killed was Mr David McQuillan, nged 33. He was waiting for a lift to work at Bellagdy, co Londonderry. Two of his three children were standing close by waiting for their school bus.

Suddenly a hijacked car stopped in the narrow main street and two men with rifles jumped out. Mr McQuillan began to run but after a few yards he fell wounded to the ground. One of the terrorists then fired several rifle shors into his body at point-blank range.

range.

The children, a boy and a min watched the whole girl watched the whole incident from the other side of the road. According to one witness Mr McQuillan's son, aged 12, ran to try to help his father, but he was already

The man was struck several times. He was seriously ill These latest attacks on locally recruited members of the sacurity forces underline criticism which the Police Federation will voice today with Mr Mason, Secretary of State, about the Government's continuing "Ulsterization" of its security policy.

IRA said a section of the city's main hospital, the Royal Victoria, was now regarded as a legitimate target. It said it was being used for undercover army surveillance but the Army

denied that.

The Rev Ian Paisley, MP for Antrim. North, last night threatened a Unionist boycott of Westminster and a withdrawal of the party's vital par-liamentary support for the Government.

Speaking on Ulster television, he said: "I do not think my vote will ever again be going with the Government, and I will be seeking to persuade my colleagues not to give their votes any further to it. For this government has completely betraved the people of Northern Ireland." Bishop's attack: The Church of

Ireland Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Dr Eames, said at the funeral in Castlederg, confuneral in Castlederg, confuneration Constable William David Brown, aged 19, that there was a concerted attempt to undermine the RUC (the his father, but he was already dead.

Twenty miles away, at CoalTransport of the rest of

Businessman's widow hits at IRA sympathizers

From Our Correspondent

Mrs Berry Nicholson, the widow of the latest businessman to be murdered in Belfast by the IRA, spoke bitterly yester-day of the trip from which her husband, James, failed to re-

I had always been worried shout him getting caught in the three years he has been making regular trips out there. When I was told the news I was very upset. But this morning I am very bitter. I don't want his death wasted.

I feel bitter because I have seen people on the extreme left he had dealing with. of the Labour Party getting on Shithe same platform as the IRA. taxi.

As a result of this I am now widowed with two young children to look after. "I wish the four thugs who murdered my husband had been present when I told my children

present when I told my children this morning", she said at her home at Ferensby, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. "The IRA sympathizers are traitors and should be shown up for it."

Mrs Nicholson, aged 32. whose children are nine and 11, believes the IRA got the wrong man when they shot her husband, who was a partner in a London public relations agency. London public relations agency. It was the first time he had Strathearn Audio, the company She said he usually took a



Annual quota for night | Sea shocks jet flights to end

Air Correspondent

The Government is to replace its system of annual quotas for the number of night jet flights from Heathrow and Gatwick airports, London, with a long-term strategy, Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secretary for Aviation,

told the Commons yesterday. That would give local people some assurance about the future and would provide the aviation industry with a basis for planning and shaping its operations, he said in a written reply.

A consultative document asking for views that would help the Government to reach a decision on the strategy to be adopted is being sent out to MPs, local authorities, amenity groups, the aviation industry and other interested bodies. They have until May to com-

The document indicates that there would be two ways of achieving the Government's objective of progressively reduc-ing night noise disturbance.

The first option was a progressive reduction in the number of permitted night flights, leading to complete closure of the airports at night, except for emergencies.

In the industry's view, based on 1975 prices, the likely annual net cost to British airlines would be at least £3.35m at Gatwick, and more at Heathrow. The impact on the air transport industry could be lessened by a transitional period of between five and 10 years.

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The second option would in-volve the introduction and progressive tightening of a struc-ture of restrictions linked to the noise levels of particular aircraft, favouring the quieter aircraft, and gradually phasing out the night flights by the

That would provide operators with an incentive to phase out their noisier aircraft more quickly than they might otherwise have done, and would have the added bonus of reducing daytime disturbance as well.

Under that option, once the noisier aircraft were phased out, there would be "a dramatic sbrinking" of the area exposed to noise levels above the threshold of awakening.

The Government is also seek ing views on the hours of the night period, the possibility of relating airport charges at night to noise, and a system of runway alternation

The consultative document says that since 1974 permitted summer night jet movements have been reduced by 35 per cent at Heathrow and 25 per cent at Gatwick. Quotas for the winter period to March 31 have been cut by 30 per cent at Gat-wick and 15 per cent at Heath-"The relationship between

sleep disturbance and aircraft noise is complex, imperfectly understood, and varies from one individual to another", the document says. "The predominant factor in determining the probability of awakening seems to be the noise levels of indi-vidual aircraft, rather than their

may boost lobster catch From Martin Huckerby

Ediuburgh An experimental method of catching Norway lobsters by giving them electric shocks is being developed by the Marine Laboratory at Aberdeen as part of a study of the commercial was of electricity for fish

cial use of electricity for fish-Norway lobsters occupy bur-rows in the seabed and thus escape capture by trawling fishing boats. They emerge to forage only at certain times and can be caught only during a limited period.

But Mr Peter Stewart, of the laboratory, writing in the latest Scottish Fisheries Bulletin. said experiments on a natural colony of lobsters had shown that an electric shock could force them to leave their burrows rapidly. An electric stimulus on a trawl could drive them into the open and increase catch rates.

The leboratory has also been studying "electric ticklers" which could replace chain ticklers in raising flatfish, such as plaice and lemon sole, from the bottom of the sea. Since they selectively affect larger fish, their use could improve fish conservation.

An important development in the use of electricity at sea is being studied by the laboratory's fish behaviour unit, which has shown that fish can be confined by simple electrified harriers. trified barriers.

Mr Stewart said: "If found to be practical, such barriers might be used to enclose large bodies of water such as sea lochs, for use as marine fish

By a Staff Reporter

Government hint on grants puzzles TUC

The TUC is to increase its pressure for maintenance grants for all pupils who want to stay nn beyond leaving age, despite a hint that the Government may have turned against the idea.

The hint that the Government may be seeking to discourage less able pupils from staying on, a move that would arouse protests among socialists, came in a speech by Mr Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, in a speech to a conference of industrial training

To make continued full-time education seem the norm might be encouraging "unrealistic career aspirations" in some ases, he said. Some of those in the sixth form or on academic degree courses might have been better off going straight to work

TUC officials are puzzled by the speech, which appears to run counter to the view hitherto taken by the Government that pupils should be encouraged to improve their qualifications. they cannot believe that the Government is to abandon one of the fundamental assumptions of Labour's social philosophy, the continuing expansion of educational opportunity. They

have pointed out that the relevant remarks were not included in the text of the speech issued by Mr Oakes's department. Mr Roy Jackson, the TUC's education spokesman, said yes-terday that the general coun-

from the fact that it was considering a new approach to Mrs Williams, the Secretary of Scare, to ask that the maintenance grants in question should be made mandatory. At present they are subject to a means test and the number has been falling steeply as wages have

When we raised the subject with Mrs Williams's pre-decessor he did not question the desirability of encouraging more pupils to stay on, but only whether mandatory grants were the best way of achieving it", Mr Jackson added.

Mr Alan Evans, education officer of the National Union of Teachers, described Mr Oakes's remarks as a personal view. "There is no evidence. that fulltime education ever did anyone any harm, and in view of what is happening in other advanced Western countries it seems premature to talk of discouraging sixth-form expansion when only 34 per cent of the age group stay on beyond school-leaving age", he said.

The TUC is also soon to ask Mrs Williams and Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, to announce their com-mitment to legislation to compel employers to give workers time off to attend education

Mr Jackson said: "We believe that even if a date can-not be set the commitment will bring some moral pressure on employers whose refusal to cooperate is threatening such measures as the vocational preparation scheme."

Jeweller did not ask for proof of identity

A jeweller's chief buyer did not ask a customer to whom he sold £27,500 of jewelery, for proof of identity because he wanted to give her the impre-

wanter in give her the impression she was trusted.

Mr Alan Griffiths, of Aspreys.

Mayfair, told Knightsbridge
Crown Court yesterday that
after talking to a woman for
about 25 minutes, he formed an impression that she was genuine person".

"It's a highly competitive business we are in and people come to us because they trus us", he said. "Consequently we try to give the impression of trusting them. Thats why I did not ask for a signature." He added that one of Asprey's directors did not like asking customers for signatures and said: 'It is really a question of confidence and sales."

Mrs Brenda Butler, aged 50 of Lowndes Street, Belgravia is charged with dishonestly obtaining a sapphire-and-diamond ring and bracelet set by deception lest August. She is alleged to have bought

She is alleged to have bought the jewelery, using the identity of Mrs Roy Miles, who had an account as Asprey's. The sale was debited to Mrs Miles's account. Later it is alleged, she tried to sell the jewellery in Collingwood's, of Conduit Street, Mayfair, her own jewellen. They offered £12,000.

The court was told that when detectives questioned her she said the jewellery had been delivered to her by an unknown

Another Asprey's assistant Miss Jane Morris, said she had told Mr Griffiths that the woman buying the jewelry was not the Mrs Miles she knew. Mr Jeremy Hutchinson, for the defence, read a telegram said to have been sent to Ms. Butler, which said: "Your situation entirely due to us. It was a bet and alcoholic joke m

The case continues today.

Harwell tries to allay Scots' fears of dumping By a Staff Reporter

The head of Harwell's environment safety group denied last night that the Atomic Energy Authority is looking for nuclear dumping grounds "in Galloway or my-

where else."

Responding to local opposition to auggestions that radio-active wastes night be buried in the area. Dr Francis Features aid at Newton Stewart that the purpose of the research was an immediate waste disposal; he was to discover whether the granite formations in the Lad Doon area were safe enough in waste disposal about the time of the century.

The research is part of EEC-financed programme medetermine whether granite, sik formations or clay would be the most stable surroundings for radioactive waste in the form of glass blocks. The AEA says the research will take 10 to 15

years.
So far the AEA has been carrying out a public relations exercise, but applications to drill test bores several hundred feet deep will be made soon if Kyle and Carrick District Council agrees, despite the protests of Scram (the Scottish Campaign to Resist the Atomic Menace), the bores will be at Mullwharchar, a thinly populated area of Strathchyde.

Mrs Morag Williams, secre-

Mrs Morag Williams, secretary of Scram, said yesterds, that if the tests led to the bory ing of wastes there could be no guarantee that the grants would remain stable. The canpaign's second concern was that the very expense of making test

Man suspended after disclosing hospital hazards

There are now nearly 18 million motor vehicles in use in Britain, according to figures for the third quarter of 1976, released by the Department of Transport yesterday.

The number of cars rose to

Nearly 18 million vehicles

using Britain's roads

14,029,000, an increase of 2 per cent. There was a 5 per cent increase in motor cycles and three-wheelers, and an 8 per cent rise in agricultural vehicles.
The figures show that there

are 15,576,000 vehicles in England, 1,314,000 in Scotland, and 878,000 in Wales.

878,000 in Wales.

There was a drop of 9,000 (2 per cent) in the number of motor cycles of under 50cc and an increase of 67,000 (11 per cent) in those over 50cc. The number of three-wheelers increased by 5,000. The number of the services of general goods vehicles dropped by 25,000 (1 per cent). Road casualty figures for January totalled 25,600, an increase of 6 per cent, compared with January a year ago.

NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN GREAT BRITAIN 1.112 7,108

The 1975 and 1975 columns respectively contain 19,000 and 11,000 vohicles not allocated to a country or region. In November, December, 1976. and January there were 91,400 casualties, 6 per cent more than casualties, 6 per cent more than in the same period a year ago. Within that total, deaths (1,760) decreased by 2 per cent, seriously injured casualties (20,900) increased by 1 per cent, and slightly injured casualties (68,800) increased by 8 per cent.

A health official who disclosed the contents of a report

that condemns conditions in many hospital kitchens has been suspended from duty. Mr Richard North, aged 29, of Leeds, an expert on hospital hygiene, gave details of the report in radio and television interviews at the weekend. He was acting on behalf of the Yorkshire and Humberside

centre of the Environmental Health Officers Association, London headquarters, disclosed the report's contents in the public interest". The report prepared by health officers throughout the country last August, says that the standard of hygiene is in-adequate in more than a thou-

sand hospitals and appalling in A week today Mr North is to appear before the personnel subcommittee of Leeds coun-cil. His union, Nalgo, is sup-porting him.

bores would become a justifica-

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Call for fusion of

and solicitors By Our Legal Correspondent

A group of radical barristers have put forward a critical view of the existing structure of the legal profession starkly opposed to that submitted by the barristers' official professional bodies In evidence to the Royal

In evidence to the keyar Commission on Legal Services the group, consisting of 12 bar-risters in a set of chambers headed by Lord Gifford, calk for fusion of solicitors and barristers and attacks the pres-ent system of recruitment and

The chambers are unique in the champers are unique in that they have premises outside the lines of Court and work on a collective, income-pooling arrangement instead of the usual economic basis of all other chambers, where every member works totally for himself

Its memorandum is critical of the fact that young pros-pective lawyers have to choose what branch of the profession to enter from the start, with-out having had any general experience. To become a harri-ster, it continues, a young person must survive for at least two years on little or no pay. "Given such financial condi-tions, it is obvious that the Bar-will attract a wholly dispropor-tionate number of persons with private or parental means, and deter large numbers who have

Another criticism is that young barristers are trained at the expense of clients, with no supervision or accountability. Fusion of the two branches of the profession would reduce duplication of manpower and save money and time, the group

Call to employ more disabled people By Par Healy people's rights to employment should be given high priority. I am now asking health authori-

Social Services

Health authorities were urged yesterday to employ more dis-abled people and to designate one of their personnel staff as a " disabled persons' officer " to improve their recruitment and career prospects in the health

Those steps by Mr Morris. Minister of State for the Dis-abled, reflect the Government's concern that the health service has a poor record in meeting the official quota for employing disabled people.

Mr Morris said yesterday: "It is vital that disabled

It is believed that registered disabled people form only 1 per cent of health service employees compared with the legal quota

for employers with more than 19 staff of 3 per cent. The Department of Health and Social Security has a slightly better record, but like

most government departments it does not fulfil its quota. The latest figures show that last June the department was em-ploying 21 per cent registered disabled, placing it eleventh out of 29 departments. Only the Royal Mint exceeded the quota,

while the Stationery Office and the Department of Employment ties to recognize their responsi-

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both mer it.
A circular issued by the department yesterday said: "Mineisters feel very strongly that health authorities should regard the quota as a minimum to be exceeded." Figures on the present performance of health service employers will be published soon by the Employment Services According to the Employment

vices Agency.

The circular advised that the new "disabled persons of cer" should have overall responsibility for the recruitment and career development of dirabled people, with duties including identifying them for jobs according to their individual skills.

Bingo games fixed in ingenious plot, Crown says

Bingo games at a Hull club were fixed in an ingenious plot that earned the swindlers thou-sands of pounds, the prosecu-tion said at York Crown Court yesterday. The architect of the fraud was said to be a director

fraud was said to be a director of the club.

The trand was planned from the Phaenix Social Club, one of 19 in Hull that together formed the New Allied Bingo Club, the largest such group in Britain, Mr Geoffrey Rivlin, for the prosecution, said. Five nights a week each club was linked to that members could play the same game simultaneplay the same game simultane-

Mr Rivlin said that between January, 1975, and last June, when police investigations began, at least 88 fixed games of bingo provided a share-out of more than £14,500 to the

Twenty-three defendants between them admitted 32 charges involving theft, deception and handling stolen money.

The prosecution said the architect of the fraud was Anthony Brown, aged 37, of Beech Green, Kirk Ella, near Hull a dignerator of the Bleech

Hull, a director of the Phoenix Social Club and treasurer of the New Allied Bingo Club. In one of the frauds, counsel said, a prearranged winner was planted in one of the clubs and an accomplice passed on the 15 numbers on the ricket to the numbers on the ticket to the Phoenix control room. There the numbers were removed from a machine containing the 90 numbered balls. The genuine players were unaware of what was happening, even though a television camera was trained on the ball machine. Sentences will be passed

jailed in Herrema case

ist, 16 months ago.

All three were accused of falsely imprisoning Dr. Herrems former head of a Limerick steel cord company, and holding himagainst his will.

Thomas Anthony Dunne, of Rosenallis, co Leix, who denied the charge, was sentenced to seven years. Michael Hall me Patrick Joseph Bailey, both of Monasterevin, co kildare, who monasterevin, co kildare, who pleaded guilty, were jailed for five years.

Mr Hall's council house and the centre of a police and army siege after Dr Herrems and his captors, Edward Gallagher and Marian Coyle, had been traced there.

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Three more men

Three men were jailed at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday for their part in the kidnapping of Dr Tiest Herrema, the Dutch industrial ist, 16 months ago.

eweller Dearer gas ot ask defended r proof by Prime lentity Minister

By John Groser The Prime Minister told MPs Chief by yesterday that while they would have the chance to debate the lekel Government's decision to allow ted to Rive her be a rise in gas prices, if they sine her be would be destroying a part of Alan Graffish would be destroying a part of the conomic package as a man County of the whole". He was replying to talk in the copposition, who had asked why it along the copposition, who had asked why it along the copposition who had asked why Opposition, who had asked why the Government was prepared to allow a breach of the price code.

While Mr Callaghan was been defending his Government's eco-

nomic policy a delegation from the National Consumer Council the National Consumer Consultative That Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer

he of Protection.

Mr Michael Young, the coun-Government's document

who want to put prices up and be not for consumers who want to put prices up and the consumers who want the want of the decision to ruise gas prices by 10 per cent should be reversed : Post Office profits were should be cut or proposed postal increases refused; the Government should stand firm against food price increases sought by the EEC; the decision to cut food subsidies from 102,6409m this year to £37m in 1978 should be slowed or re-versed; more money should be oli spent on consumers' advice

Man in the news: Mr David Marquand, Labour MP and painstaking biographer of Ramsay MacDonald

'Myths must not hinder rigorous rethinking'

By Peter Hennessy Political parties, like any

other human institution, need their share of myth. Mr David Marquand, historian, biographer and Labour MP for Ashfield, has just mounted a 900-page assault on one of the most cherished political myths of the twentieth century, one that for 46 years has helped to sustain the unity of the fis-siparous coalition that is the Labour Party. His life of Ramsay Mac-

Donald, the fruit of 10 years' scholarship and kindly received by most reviewers, tackles head on the timeconcurred interpretation of the abour movement which sees its first Prime Minister as the great betrayer who sold them out to the bankers and the Tories in a calculated attempt to destroy the party that had put him in Downing Street. With painstaking detail and much new material from Mac-Donald's unpublished diary, Mr Marquand shows that, far from plotting the destruction of the 1929 Labour government in favour of a coalition, MacDonald struggled until the

MacDonald struggled until the-last moment during the eco-nomic crisis of August, 1931, to keep his Cabinet together while authorizing the cuts deemed necessary to keep ster-ling on gold.

As if to rub salt in the wounds, the heroic image of those who refused to go along with MacDonald in cutting un-employment benefic is also undermined by Mr Marquand's demonstration that not one of Parliamentary report, page 14 them had what today would be

called an alternative strategy to check the flow of pounds from London.

Mr Marquand, an adviser to Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the EEC Commission, will shortly be resigning his safe mining seat in Nottinghamshire to work full time in Brussels. His father was Minister of Pensions in the Attlee government and he grew up in an atmosphere of Labour politics.

He is not leaving Westmin-ster in any mood of apostasy, but Mr Marquand refuses to countenance that his book might have his party by making it more unstable than ever through its demolition of one of the props—"I shall never do a MacDonald" is the usual phrase—that keeps Labour Cabinets together during their periodic crises.
"I deeply and profoundly disagree with the view that you must have myths", he says.
"In a curious way, history is more important to me than

But he is too subtle a thinker to see the lessons of 1931 simply in terms of the argu-ments for and against coalition that have been regularly rehearsed since the July measures of 1966. The moral for Mr Marquand is that radical parties must not allow myths to get in the way of rigorous rethink ng. The tragedy of the standard interpretation of MacDonald's role in 1931 was that it pre-vented Labour from facing the inadequacy of its policies at the 1929 election



important than poli-

estial chief justice " putting posthumous reputations rights, he must be a psychoanalyst as well, making people or political parties stare post traumas in the face instead of fleeing from them into fantasy. The historian he says, can-not only be a kind of "cel-MacDonald, Mr Marquand noints out. was no right-winger.

ship and would have been "rather shocked" by last week's pamphlet published by the Manifesto Group. But he did blur and fudge issues that should have been clarified to keep together Labour's warring factions, "from disaffected Liberals to class-war Marxists " a wholly unsatisfactory busi ress in Mr Marquand's eyes. that is still going on.

He says that since Mac-

Donald's day Sir Karl Popper has shown social democrats the way forward. Instead of the historicist belief that history is moving inexorably towards some utopian goal, "on and on, and up and up" as MacDonald used to out it in his celebrated gobbledegook, socialists should realize that trying to hend the tailure or worse still, to totalitarianism. Instead, enduring values, like a belief in liberty and equality, should be applied to changing circumstances. In his concluding paragraph Mr Marquand does not shrink from drawing an appropriate moral from the sad spectacle of MacDonald's career: "It is

that a radical narty requires not merely high ideals and skil-ful leadership, but intellectual coherence and a willingness to jettison cherished assumptions in the face of changing replicies. It is an easy moral to formu-inte. Half a century of British istory bears witness to the fact that it is not so easy to practise."

Ramson MocDonald, by David Marguand, Cape £12.50.

Girls granted Helicopter pilot in arbitration pay rises of up to 133 pc

Five girl clerks in a Midlands furniture company were awarded pay rises of between 74 per cent and 133 per cent

vesterday. The awards by the Central Arbitration Committee were said to be the largest ever awarded in arbitration.

Mr Donald Groves, divisional Scientific, Technical and Mana-gerial Staffs, said that talks on the claims, which had been made under a 1946 fair-wages resolution, began in January,

The five girls, all under 21,

have been earning between £15 and £23 a week. Their salaries will now be between £36 and £40 a week. They are to try to obtain back pay of between £510 and £629.

Mr Groves said: "We were able to use the 1946 resolution because the company was engaged in making furniture for education authorities, so the wages become comparable with local authority wages,"

command of ship

pilot who had not officially Grattan-Cooper is a helicopter navigated a ship for 10 years pilot. In fairness, he has spent was given command of a periods at sea in a seamanship university training vessel, it was stated at a court martial

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at Rosyth, Fife, yesterday. Lieurenant - Commander Anthony Grattan-Cooper, aged 33, was reprimanded at the court martial at the shore establishment, HMS Cochrane, after he admitted becarding HMS Droxford, a 120ft sea-

ward defence vessel.

The Droxford, attached to the Glasgow and Strathclyde universities' naval training unit, hit a rock in a loch on the West Coast of Scotland on November 13 last. Lieutenant Commander

Michael Ellis, for Commander Grattan-Cooper, said the com-manding officers of university unit ships at Glasgow, Aberdeen, Southampton and Liver-pool, although regular naval. officers, did not receive a com-

manding officer-designate course before taking command.

"In the future, it is my understanding, perhaps as a result to some extent of these proceedings, that commanding officers of such a unit will be given a CO-designate course.

capacity, watch-keeping officer, aithough it is some tan years since he was actually at sea in

a seamanship billet. The court was told that Commander Granan-Cooper, the only qualified navigating officer on board, approved a navigation plan prepared by Reserve Midshipman Michael Cassidy, a dental student at Glasgow University, for passage up Loch Sunart. Two bearings were because they were platted on rocks which were submerged at all states of the ride.

Commander Ellis said Commander Granan-Cooper was aware that the navigation plan was not in all respects correct.
"He accepted it as a basis for the passage up the loch. He felt that through the deficien-cies of the plan Mr Cassidy would learn from the errors which resulted."

The court accepted two pleas of not guilty from Commander Grattan-Cooper on charges of negligently performing his

Rapid progress with comprehensives

There is no ideal size for The report appears to back prehensive system has been comprehensive schools and no the old theory that large comnational policy that lays down bard and fast rules about size, a report issued yesterday by the Denartment of Education and

Science says.
In the early years of re-

prehensives are oecessary to provide viable academic sixth forms.

The report, tracing the revo-lution that has swept school reorganization comprehensives organization since 1965, says tended to be large; now the average size is about 950 pupils. authorities towards a fully com-

Latest figures show that of the 105 authorities now in existance in England and Wales only one has no comprehensive schools within its area; 27 authorities are fully reorganiapart from voluntary schools.

British Rail is opposed to extension of the M3

British Rail has tacitly opposed the extension of the M3 motorway, urging the ex-pansion of rail services as an alternative to the planned road

Giving evidence to the Depublic inquiry into the motorpublic inquiry into the motorway at Winchester yesterday
Mr John Ellis, passenger social
services manager for British
Rail's Southern Region, said
trains were already used by half the travellers between London and the South Coase and that 93 freight services operated daily between the two points and beyond. "The railway has the capability to carry of the order of 50 per cent more pessenger traffic and 30 per cent more freight traffic with minimal additional cost.

Mr Ellis said the present

average of five trains per hour in each direction along the route could conceivably be increased to 15 without signifi-Optimum use of the rail capacity would fit in with British Rail's plans to introduce 125 Inter-City trains between Southampton and the north, and

While Mr Ellis's evidence fell short of a formal objection to the motorway scheme, British Rail conceded that the implication of his remarks was that the M3 extension might prove

to build three new freight

redundant.

The public inquiry, which has aroused strong local feeling in Hampshire, culminating in the disruption of proceedings last redundant. summer, is exmining plans to build a 12½ mile extension to the M3 around Winchester in preference to upgrading the by-

in buying spectacles

By Our Consumer Affairs

Opticians will in future stock ad and display the full range of DENstional Health Service spec-Placie frames, under measures A stonounced yesterday by Mr Hat-itersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protec-

He said the ophthalmic org-mizations had also agreed that . he prices should be shown crames are displayed. The Government has decided o implement many of the ecommendations in the Price commission's report last Sep-ember on the suppl yof private

Opticians will not try to peruada customers to buy expen-rive frames without seeing the fall range of health service

Accounts will show the total mount to be paid, subdivided to the statutory health service charge for lenses and the charge for the appliance. If attents require further inforlation about costs it will be

Man of 53 had ntercourse with ove-poem girl

A girl of 14 wrote love letters
and poems to a man aged 53
ho succumbed and bad sexual
itercourse with her, it was
ated at the Central Criminal
ourt yesterday.

Prederick Sidney Crouch,
ow aged 55, an electrician, of
id Chapel Road, Crockenhill,
sar Orongton. London,

Orpington, London, leaded guilty and bound over 1 5500 bail to come up for idement on April 5.

Referring to a recent Court Appeal decision, Judge Gib-ns, QC, said that where the rl promoted the offence a less rious view could be taken. But | prison. added that Mr Crouch " must pot assume that he is not goto prison for a substantial

Parlier, Mr Crouch was found illy of indecent assault on a July under 16.

Atra security at roadmoor.

A special unit is to be set up Broadmoor Hospital, Croworne, Berkshire, after protests staff about security. It will house the 15 most ngerous inmates at the top curity mental hospital.

R speed limits

iled in

Speed restrictions have been roduced by British Rail istern Region on some tracks at have not been replaced as uned, because of a shortage

Wider choice | Mentmore new offer 'difficult'

The National Trust's offer to age over Mentmore Towers if endowment for repairs and maintenance made available was welcomed by Lord Rosebery, the owner, with reservations, yesterday.

"We are looking into proposal closely, he said, "but I do not hold our a lot of hope that we will be able to postpone the sale because the costs of

If the present offer to If the present offer to the Government was taken up by the trust after May 30, when the three-year limit from the if would cost him £400,000. But if the National Trust's new proposal was taken up after that date it would probably cost him another £400,000, making a total of £800,000, which he could not afford.

Janie Jones tells court of her hunger strike

Janie Jones, the singer, has been an hunger strike as part of a campaign against changing prisons, it was disclosed yesterday. Miss Jones, who was appearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court to explain why she has not paid £16,000 legal costs, said she went on the strike to protest against being transferred from Holloway Prison, London, to Styal semiopen prison in Cheshire.

"I went on hunger strike

"I went on hunger strike from January 24 until Feb-ruary 19", she said. "This was until I saw Lord Longford' Miss Jones, who was jailed for controlling prostitutes, said she threatened by been another inmate.

She complained that she was unable to handle her business affairs while in the Chestire

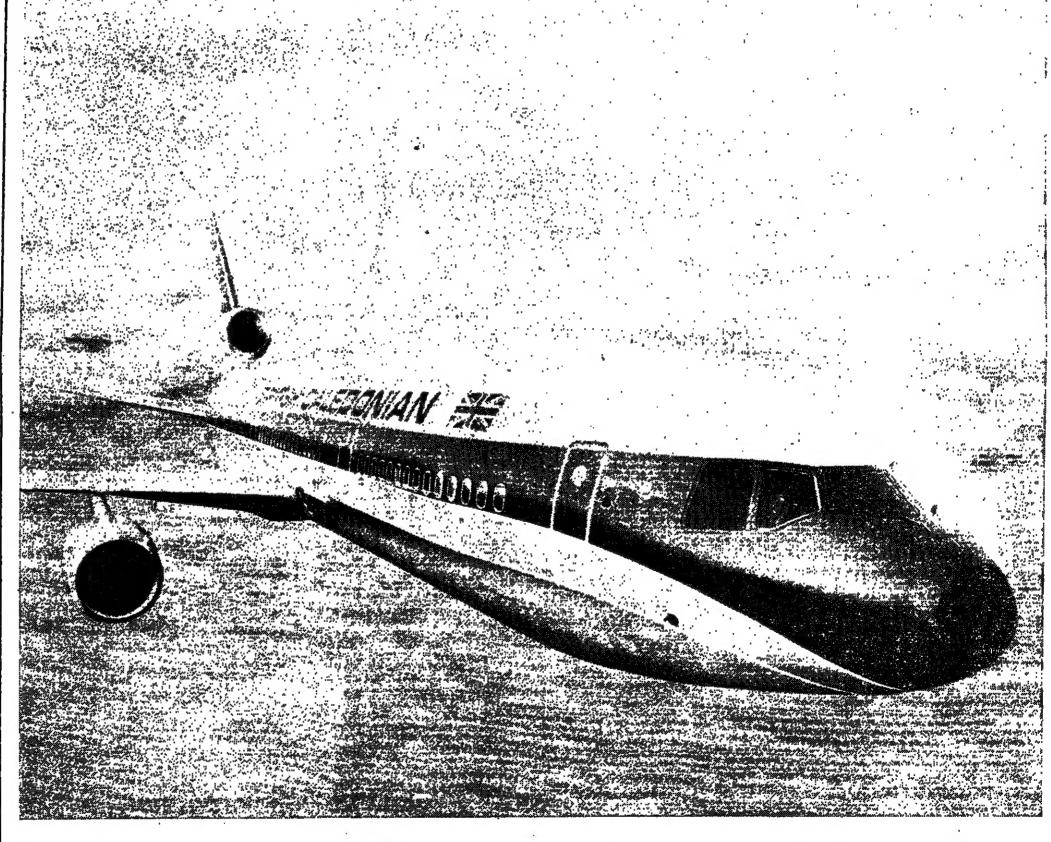
Miles Laddie, Miss Mr Jones's solicitor, said no progress had been made in the matter of obtaining the money. Miss Jones had twice been refused parole and they were still awairing the result of the

third application. The hearing continues or

Soldiers jailed for rape

Six soldiers from Canterick camp, North Yorkshire, were jailed at Teesside Crown Court yesterday for the rape of a village girl aged 17 and described as immature.

Five of the men, all drivers from 60 Squadron, Royal Corps of Transport, were inited for five years. The sixth was jarled for three years for aiding and abetting the offence. All had



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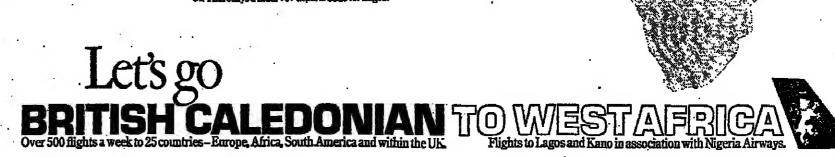
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HOME NEWS_

may go back to rail board

By Christopher Thomas bour Reporter

The Government is expected to transfer Freightliners, the state-run cargo-carrying operation, back to the control of British Rail. The move has been sufgested by the National Union of Railwaymen but resisted by the National Freeight Corporation, which now controls Freightliners.

Thee proposal is in draft form for inclusion in the white Paper on transport, due to be published in May. It will clearly please the British Rail-ways Board, which built up the system from 1960 with the in-

system from 1960 with the intention of moving trunk container cargo at high sp3ed by rail. The cargo is transferred to lossied at the rail-head.

On January I, 1969, the operation was given to the freight corporation. British Rail retained 49 per cent of the ownership, but has had no control over the system.

The unions say Freightliners

The unions say Freightliners has been using its lorries to move long-distance cargo in-stead of sticking to the origi-nal intention of using road transport as complementary support for the railway cargo

Freightliners has 24 main terminals and is regarded as a company that is growing quickly. Since 1965 its business has grown from handling 500 container movements a year to about 750,000. The trading pro-

about 750,000. The trading profit last year was £1.3m.

Mr Daniel Petrit, chairman of the freight corporation, said that when Freightliners was taken from British Rail it was carrying fewer than 300,000 containers and losing £3.5m a year at 1968 values. "By retaining the management and control of Freightliners within the NFC the relative advantages of road and rail can be assessed professionally, and assessed professionally, and emotional confrontations be-tween road and rail avoided",

But Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railway-ment, said: "The vision of Freightliners as the key to road-rail integration has failed, and Freigheliners remains a predominantly rail-based activ-ity in a road-orieted NFC." Several hundred dock rail-

The boy, who was bitten by a dog while visiting Pakistan, will be buried after a short service at the city's mortuary. Only close relatives who have been vaccinated will be allowed to attend the service. wayment in Hull and Grimsby struck for 24 hours yesterday as talks opened on a British Rafil plan to withdraw rail freight facilities from both ports. North Sea Ferries overnight services to Rotterdam attend the service.

Tests on relevant specimens, removed by Dr Anthony Wellsteed, consultant in charge of infectious diseases at Bradford Royal Infirmary, were being made yesterday in Leeds. The results may be known in four or five days. and Zeebrugge were balted. Union leaders said after the talks that they were more hopeful that the facilities hopeful that might be saved.

Freightliners | Labour urged to rally to Government's aid

By Our Parliamentary Staff done this and moaning that we should have done that or have forgotten this pledge."

In deciding on an economic policy giving absolute priority to industrial regeneration the Government had taken decisions that some did not like, Mr Hayward said.

"But the time for arguments Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, chose a luncheon with the Parliamentary Press Gallery yesterday to exhort the Labour Party to stand by the Government.

"Now is the time for the party to come to the aid of the Government he declared. ernment, he declared.
It sounded remarkably like a is over. In the next year I want everyone in the party to put his full weight behind the

It sounded remarkably like a speech for the run-up to a general election until, towards the end, he declared: "A general election now would imperil national recovery and solve nothing." He did not believe that the Government was running out of steam or flagging, and when he looked at the opposition front bench he the opposition front beach he saw little sign of a dynamic alternative government as many in his audience.

"There is a need to let people know the true magnitude of the problems we have faced, the solid achievements to this government's credit and the prospects, it we keep our nerve, that we can reverse a genera-tion of national decline", Mr

Hayward said.
"Too many people hide behind their alternative strategies and the supposed pristine purity of their socialism to avoid doing the much more necessary task of fighting for and preserving a Labour government in office.

"Let us have an end to those prophets of gloom in the party who choose to ignore the four fifths of our manifesto commitments already carried out by the Government in order to so around grumbling that the Labour Government have not

Plans to move

body of rabies

suspect rejected

The parents of Ayub Khan, aged 11, who died in Bradford on Sunday from suspected rabies, have been refused permission to fly the body to Pakistan because of the risk of

Another proposal by Mr and Mrs Shbaz Khan, of Nezi Street, Little Horton, Bradford, to hold a funeral at a local mosque has also been rejected for the same

Police criticize mock bank raid by pupils

The whole party and the whole country wanted to "give Jim a go". The Government must see its programme through by a further two years in office.

But the time for arguments

If Britain could once again become a leading industrial country paying her way in the world, with a stable currency

no longer a target for quick

profits by speculators, many of the agonies about priorities that

racked the party would no longer exist because Britain would be producing enough resources to make such choices

A police chief yesterday criticized a school for letting pupils take part in a mock bank raid. On Monday morning six children wearing stockings over their heads and waiving pistols ran into the Trustee Savings Bank branch in Market Place, Great Yarmouth.

Creat Yarmouth.

Chief Supt Ronald Spalding said: "I am against the principle of simulating what is a very serious crime. It might have been distressing to the public, particularly old people." The pupils, from Greenacre Junior School, wanted to report on and photograph a vobbery for their own newspaper.

Mr Stuart Lee, the head-master, said: "The police were informed beforehand, we chose informed beforehand, we chose a quiet time of day, and with the children being so young we did not think there could be any possibility of misunderstanding.

In brief

Eton boy hurt in cadet exercise

Bruce Evers, aged 16, a pupil at Econ College, was injured by pellets or stones fired from a rifle while he was taking part in an exercise with the school's cadet force at Hankley Common, near Farn-

ham, Surrey.

An Army spokesman said yesterday that a board of inquiry had been set up into the shooting. "The injured boy has a lacerated bottom and he will be in hospital for some time", ham, Surrey. his full weight beamd the industrial strategy so that we can embark on nothing less than a new industrial revolution, a revolution based on a joint effort by Government, management and unions, such as Britain has never achieved hefore."

Racecourse air crash

A single-engine aircraft carrying two racegoers crashlanded on Cheltenham race-course yesterday. The pilot and his passenger were shaken by the accident but returned to

Widow sells trophies

Motor-racing souvenirs owned by Mrs Graham Hill's widow were auctioned in London yesterday. The collection, including three grand prix trophies and paintings of Hill, fetched nearly £1,500.

unnecessary. "The party's job in the next 12 months is to close ranks around a government that is going to complete its full term. If we do not we shall be offering power to the most reactionary Tory leadership in my lifetime and perhaps offering opportunities to the nationalists that would imperil the very future of the United Kingdom." The whole party and the Lord Brayley ill

Lord Brayley, aged 60, a former Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Defence (Army), who is awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy to defraud, has been admitted to a Cardiff

Ex-chairman to appeal George Newman, aged 71, former chairman of Stafford-shire County Council, who was convicted and jailed last month for corruption, is to appeal against conviction.

Railcard extension

The senior citizens' Railcards will become available from April 1 for a full year regardless of the date of purchase. They will remain at 66 and 63 for Awayday tickets only.

No typhoid hazard?

Barnet Area Health Authority said yesterday that there was no hazard to the community at large after the death of a hospital porter from typhoid in West Hendon on Friday.

£25,000 raid

Armed raiders escaped with £25,000 from a Security Express armoured van at a shopping centre in Northampton yester-

WEST EUROPE



Isabella Zavoli, estranged wife of the Iberia jet hijacker, arrives yesterday at Turin airport where she refused to hand over her daughter.

Faroes back down on fishing curbs

From David Cross Brussels, March 15

After strong protests from the European Community, the Faroe Islands today postponed restrictions on fishing by Bri-tish, French and West German trawlers in their new 200-mile

by Mr Atli Dam, Prime Minister of the Faroes, who was in Brussels to sign a long-term fisheries agreement with the Community. He promised that full consultations on the proposed measures, which were due to take effect today, would begin as soon as the agreement begin as soon as the agreement was signed.

Armed raiders escaped with £25,000 from a Security Express armoured van at a shopping centre in Northampton yesterday.

Son killed by lorry

Michael Grieve, aged 4, of Provost Land, Leslie, Fife, was killed yesterday by a reversing lorry driven by his father.

Welcoming the deferment, Mr John Silkin, the British Minister of Agriculture and acting president of the EEC Council of Ministers, told journalists that what had looked like an "absolute ultimatum" had been averted. Earlier during the signing ceremony he had expressed "the deep concern that the Community feels

about the way in which this matter has been handled". proposed Faroese es, which would limit

EEC carches of cod and haddock in Faroese waters to a mere 1,000 tons over a sixweek period, were communicated to the Community only last week. This had not given the Community sufficient time to study them.
The Community's pique was heightened by the knowledge that today's agreement, which

lays down a framework for negotiating annual fish carches in each other's waters, specifi-cally provides for consultations on such delicate decisions. It is not clear how long the deferment will last. But Mr Silkin told reporters that he expected a further round of consultations in due course, which should give a reasonable beautiful cases.

breathing space.
Clearly EEC representatives will try to persuade the Faroese to be more generous in their allocation of carches to

Bonn shows signs of disagreement with Carter tactics

Bonn, March 15

The stream of West German politicians on their way to or from the United States these days makes the VIP lounge at the Cologne/Bonn airport look like a branch office of the Bundants

like a branch office of the Bundestag.

As Herr Genscher, the Foreign Minister, was taking his leave from President Carter at the White House last night, Herr Leber, his colleague for defence, arrived in Washington for a series of talks which began today.

While Herr Leber was still airborne, Herr Willy Brandt, the chairman of the ruling Social Democrats and former Chancellor, was telling the press about his week of talks in the United States that has just ended.

Just ended.

A notable absence from the list of transatlantic commuters is Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor. A Chancellery spokesman said today that it had been agreed in principle that Herr Schmidt would visit Mr Carter this year but no date or even season had been serred.

season had been settled.

In political, strategic and economic terms, the relationship between the United States and the Federal German Republic is the most important bilateral alliance in the west and the cornerstone of Nato. Herr Schmidt attaches great

Herr Schmidt attaches great (some say too great) importance to his personal, working relationship with the leaders of his country's main allies.

It was therefore to be expected that he would have been one of the first callers at Mr Carter's door. That he has not been is one of many clear signs of the deterioration in relations which began as soon as the President took office. The procession of German politicians and officials across the Adantic is another. There are

many more.

As things stand, the two men will meet for the first time at the Western economic summit in London in May, a multi-lateral occasion with little room for bilateral matters.

Four issues have arisen to ensure that relations between the Schmidt Government and the Carter Administration started on the wrong foot. First, in order of import-ance, is the rejection by Herr Schmidt of Mr Carter's wish

that West Germany should re-flate, with America and Japan, to help the world out of the When Vice-President Mon-

chanceflor told him that Bonn was not prepared to go beyond its limited programme of investment in the economic AWACS, or "No reflation."

infrastructure, involving an expenditure of about \$5,000m over the next four years. The second issue is the West German plan to sell Brezi eight nuclear power plants. The Americans are tonling opposed to this because, as a spin-off from the fuel recycling process involved, the Brazilians would get plutonium, the raw material for atomic bombs.

Bonn says that it has signed a treaty and will not break its word. Brazil refuses 10 consider a change in the treaty or a supplementary pact to increase safeguards against proliferation of nuclear arms

Next on the fist of grie-vances comes the future of the battle tanks to be supplied to the American and West German armies for the 1980s. Under the Administra-tion of President Ford (with whom Herr Schmidt got on very well, describing him as "a decent conservative",
Bonn and Washington agreed
to standardize the principal
components of their respective
tanks.

The Germans now believe with some evidence, that the Americans are undermining this arrangement. They accus American sources of leaking distorted reports about the the two tanks.

This has led to an inconclusive school playground dislogue, with each side saying:
"My tank is better than

First reports asserted that the American XM1 tank had proved itself superior is almost all respects to the Geralmost all respects to the Garman Leopard II. Counterblass from Bonn claimed that the Leopard had proved itself superior in manoeuvrability reliability and gunnery. Her Leber will be shown the official version of the partly leaked report this week.

Ther leaves AWACS the

That leaves AWACS, the American airborne reconni-sance system which Washing ton wants its European Nam allies to help to finance (with the Germans paying more than anybody else). This untried project has had a lukewarm reception here because of the enormous and probably underestimated cost. Bonn feels it is being asked to buy a pig in a poke.

An early resolution of any of these four problems is not to be discerned.

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Rivals for Mayor of Paris join forces to halt left's advance

rom Charles Hargrove 'aris, March 15

A cartoon can often sum up political situation better than tributed eams of clever commentaries. fodav's cartoon in Le Figaro outs in a nutshell the situation fier the first ballot in the nunicipal elections. It shows A Jacques Chirac and M Michel l'Ornano, busy with tubes of lue piecing together the bits of roken china of the government

WEST EUROPE

The tactical reconciliation of he rival champions of the najority in Paris took place tolay on the neutral ground of he National Assembly, at the auggestion of M Chirac, the Jaullist leader. After an hour of discussion they issued a joint tatement calling on Parisians who want to defend a free ociety to give massive support to the list of the majority which remains alone next Sunday against the upholders of the common programme (of the left)", and this even in those districts where there is no leftwing threat, M Chirac is thus, barring an unexpected victory of the left, assured of becoming Moyor of Paris.

But M Chirac turned down as premature a suggestion by M 'i'Ornano, the Independent Republican Minister of Industry, that they should divide the

spoils here and now; and that the post of mayor and other positions of responsibility in the new city council should be distributed in relation to the strength of each faction of the majority.

He also refused to become involved, as M d'Ornano in-sisted, in the unseemly controversy which broke out in the last days of the campaign over the question of whether Mme-Françoise Giroud, the Minister of Culture, is entitled to the Medal of the Résistance. A group of Gaullist hotheads had claimed that she had no right to assert this in her election literature. She has started an action for libel against them.

There is reason to believe that before committing himself to a division of the spoils, M. Chirac wants to see how next Sunday's voting will go. He may also endeavour to obtain from the Giscardians some guarantees on the Govern-ment's policy over such issues as direct elections to the European Parliament.

The upshot of today's electoral pact is that the supporters of M d'Ornano will withdraw in 11 districts where they came second on Sunday to those of M Chirac. Mme Giroud, who had unsuccess-fully challenged the long-stand-ing Gaullist office holder in ing Gaullist office holder in the 15th arrondissement on Sunday, already announced yesterday that she would step

corollary is that M



M d'Ornano and M Chirac repair the broken china of the government majority, as seen by

will personally support M d'Ornano in the left-wing strong-hold of the 18th arrondissement where he obtained a very creditable score and has a chance of being elected a councillor. The Gaullists will withdraw in three districts where M d'Ornano's bists led the government majority. Paradoxically, they are in the popular eastern part of Paris, and it is important for M Chirac's future image as mayor, that he should not

The left is also closing ranks or the second ballot, though t has no divisions in Paris to overcome. It must fight hard

appear to be the victor in the prosperous western districts

wrest one or two others from the majority. A great joint meeting is being held on Friday night by the Communists, Socialists, and Leftwing Radicals to galvanize their troops.

A battle of statistics between the two sides after elections to prove that if not everyone won last Sunday, at least no one has really lost, is true to French electoral tradition.

M Henri Fizbin, the Com-Paris, maintained that the left continued its progression throughout the country. In Paris, it had improved its position by 3.5 per cent and led in 10 out of 18 districts; while the right had lost 10 per cent in relation to the previous during the few remaining days in relation to the previous to preserve those five districts municipal elections of 1971, and which it holds, let alone to its score "was never so low".

True to form also, the Ministry of the Interior has produced a somewhat astonish-ing set of figures which coming set or rigures which com-pletely contradict these claims. According to those, the left obtained 35 per cent of the votes last Sunday, while the government majority scored 50.2 per cent, the ecologists and per cent, and the extreme right for 2.4 per cent. Turnout was exceptionally high with 78.8 per

Even the independent rightwing newspaper L'Aurore, hardly expected to exaggerate left-wing gains, wrote today that if one believes those percentiles. ages, one would have to admit that the majority had sur-rendered 33 mairies to the Opposition out of courtesy, and will similarly lose 10 more next

Evidence of arson as four die at night club

young men and a woman died early today in a fire at one of Stockholm's most popular right clubs. The police said all the evidence so far suggested arson.

The blaze started at the roulette table and there were several explosions as it spread to the two-storey restaurant where some 200 people were dining just after midnight. All but four of the guests and staff were evacuated through emergency exits.

An employee said he had just extinguished a minor fire in the lavatory where someone had set alight paper towels in a waste basket when the main

fire started. Three guests received burns and were taken to hospital. One youth was badly shocked and the police had to prevent him by force from returning into the flame-engulfed restaurant.

The night club, Monte Carlo, was all but totally destroyed.

Its proprietor, Mr Bo Aakesson, said: "I know that certain people would like to see that Monte Carlo didn't take in such a profit. But that some competitor deliberately set fire to a packed restaurant—no, I just can't believe it."

Monte Carlo was particularly well-frequented because it was one of the very few night clubs in that part of Stockholm that remained open until 3 am.

Soviet Jews fear spy trials 'Dreyfus-style' and fresh persecution

This feeling is vented in growing number of appeals now reaching the west, and in a letter sent last week to President Carter.

The signal which has most alarmed Jewish leaders has been the accusation of espionage on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency levelled against activists and American diplomats by the Government newspaper Izvestia. They fear that the publication of these allegations on March 5, the twenty-fourth anniversary of Stalin's death, was not coincidental and constituted a clear hint of what may be to come.

Imms of Izvestia.

"On the surface, only a small part of the erupting volcano can yet be seen."

The other appeal is signed by Dr Alexander Lerner, Mr Vladimir Slepak and Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, activists denied emigration permits over dental and constituted a clear hint of what may be to come. age on behalf of the Central

Stalin's death, was not coincidental and constituted a clear hint of what may be to come.

The latest two appeals to reach London are dated March 13. One is signed by three of the activists accused by Izvestia, the other by 250 Jews from many cities.

many cities.

The appeal of the 250, having recalled the awful night-mare of the "Doctors' plot" case in 1952-53, says that "now, in our times, there has

"now, in our times, there has burst upon us the preparations for a new trial, a trial of Jewish 'spies', recalling the notorious trial of the so-called 'spy and traitor' Dreyfus'.

"During the last few months", the document continues, "we have seen an escalation in the growing stream of harassments of Jews: beatings-up in the woods Jews: bearings-up in the woods

Soviet Jewry feels itself more threatened with persecution than at any time simsoviet Jewry feels itself for 15-day periods, the suppression of the planned symposium on than at any time since Stalin ordered mass arrests and shootings, of Jews in the last years of his rule.

This feeling is presented to the planned symposium of the threat to try the editors of the magazine Jews in the USSR, intimidation in all the provincial symposium. provincial towns where Jews live, the sentence of three years against Amner Zavurov in Uzbekistan, the arrest of Dr Beegun in Moscow, the opening of a case against Dr Salansky in Vilnius, and now the monstrous accusations in the col-

umns of Izvestia.

heavy pressure for some time as they belong to Dr Yuri Orlov's group monitoring Soviet observance of the Helsinki agreements.

They write: "The recent demands agreement in Macana.

dramatic events in Moscow, and in the Soviet Union genert/ly, testify to the readiness of the Soviet authorities to go to almost any lengths in order
to suppress the growing
national renaissance of the
Jews of Russia...
"The situation is such that

we feel exactly like hostages in the hands of terrorists who acknowledge no laws, national or international, and who are ready to take extreme measures at any moment, they conclude.

Tenerife rioters burn offices and cars

From William Chislett Madrid, March 15

Fierce confrontations between demonstrators and riot police continued until shortly before dawn today in La Laguna, Tenerife, leaving cars and offices burnt out, shop windows broken and dozens of penals injured. people injured.

The immediate cause of the rioting was not clear. According to some reports it started after police entered the church of Santo Domingo to dislodge 25 striking workers who had been staging a sit-in since last Sunday. Other reports said that 15 workers had entered the church and held two priests hostage. Police arrived after the bishop telephoned them and the workers escaped over

Whatever began the fracas, events quickly got out of hand and a crowd of several Jundred people, many of them students, gathered around the hurch and marched on the beadquarters of the state-run rade union organization and in time to save the building from sarious damage, but the offices of a government train-ing centre were ransacked and wniture was taken out into he street and burnt.

Demonstrators took petrol out of parked cars to make ire-bombs, which were thrown long with stones and other bjects at the police. The clohing of one policeman was set Cortes directly appointed by a fire and colleagues had to Franco.

extinguish the flames. Police retalized with smoke and tear gas and fired rubber bullets. At least 18 police were injured and an noknown number of

demonstrators.

Roads into La Laguna were sealed off by police; and frightened residents retired in-

doors, leaving police and demonstrators to fight it out. Before the rioting began an explosive was found in a travel agency and a fire bomb was thrown from a moving car into a restaurant. A client picked it up and threw it into the street, where it exploded.

News of the violence reached Madrid while the Cabinet was meeting to discuss the long-awaited electoral law. The mainstream socialist

party is now considering a boycott of elections if certain con-ditions are not met. Senor Felipe Gonzales, the secretarygeneral of the Spanish Workers' Socialist Party (PSOE), wound up the party congress in the Basque country last night with an attack on the Government for deliberately creating confusion minds of electors.

Señor Blas Pinar, the leader of the extreme right-wing organization, Fuerza Nueva, was summoned to security police headquarters today in connexion with investigations into two cases of killing—four lawyers and a clerk in one case and a student in another. Señor Pina is a member of the

Manufacturers indignant at **EEC definition of cream**

3y Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent

Food manufacturers fear that weeping EEC plans to outlew words like milk and cream on abels of groceries that do not outsin them may slip into law luring heated negotiations

bout farm prices.

Many British companies conider a draft regulation from
he EEC Commission about
all products one of the most nister and uncompromising

inister and uncompromising locuments issued from Brusels since this country entered he Community.

Cream is defined by the commission as "the product brained from milk or whey a the form of a fatty type of mulsion in water and having higher fat content them tilk "That is narrower than efinitions accepted in everyay English usage in English bod law and, not least, in the priord English Dictionary.

The dictionary calls cream, The dictionary calls cream, mong other things, "a fancy ish or sweet made with cream r to resemble cream; a creamre preparation used cosmetic-

Commission said its tempt to ensure that what is thed cream should be cream od not cream-like was "in no with overall Community

policy on correct labelling in order to protect the consumer and widen consumer choice". British companies ckaim that the draft regulation is an effort to reduce the milk products "mountain", disguised as a consumer protection measure. They find its appearance in the centre of the farm price procentre of the farm price pro-posals for next year especially

That is because once a regulation is adopted by Community ministers it automatically becomes law in each member state. That would mean changes in either the labelling or the composition of many British groceries. Ice cream could no longer be so called since it is made mainly of palm and palm kernel oil, usually with no dairy fat. If makers of tinned cream of tomato soup wanted the description to remain legal they would have to create a new recipe which would add to the cost

would add to the cost Mr John Newman, an assistant director of the Food Manu-facturers' Federation, said yesterday: "The main thing is to get this out of the farm price package. It has no business to be there. The federation and other trade groups will see Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, about it

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Mgr Lefebvre counts on I new Pope's support

om Our Own Correspondent uis, March 15 Mgr Marcel Lefebyre, the deint leader of the rebel trationalists in the Roman tholic Church, said today that new Pope would judge in your of his movement. Earlier lay one of his leading sup rters had rejected a compro-

Paris, Cardinal Marty.

"There is a malaise in the surch in the entire world,"

gr Lefebyre said. "A new the Church"

the Church."

Discussing the occupation by a traditionalists of the church. St Nicolas du Chardonnet on a Left Bank in Paris, he said. at Catholics had a right to

With the traditionalists on his very doorstep since the occupation of St Nicolas, Cardinal Marty has proposed a compromise solution of a Latin Mass said according to the rite of Paul VI. This he hoped would satisfy a good number of Catholics whose sympathies for the traditionalists were based on the use of Latin in saying

The reaction from the tradi The reaction from the traditionalists was anything but
encouraging. Mgr DucaudBourget, the militant supporter
of Mgr Lefebvre, said that this
was no solution. It failed to
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Africans miss Israel's expertise despite Arab promises of aid

From Eric Marsden Jerusalem March 15.

Arab pledges of vast aid for the African countries, made at last week's Afro-Arab meeting in Cairo, have not affected Israel's hopes for the eventual restoration of the close ties it once had with many African

There have been indications leaders are anxious to resume links with Israel and it is believed here that even if the Arab aid pledges are met in full, this desire will not be

lessened.

When Mr Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, made a surprise visit to Geneva last month to meet President Houphouet-Boigny of Ivory Coast there were allegations at home that his mission was a political stunt to divert attention from domestic problems. But Mr Rabin insisted that the talks were "a link in the chain of efforts to restore effectually and diplomatically Israel's ties with the countries of Africa". A few weeks earlier he had talks with President Senghor of Senegal while attending the Socialist International in Geneva.

The Prime Minister conceded that the process would be a long one but added that African countries were already showing greater understanding of Israel's position
It was reported that Presi-

dent Houphouet-Boigny told
Mr Rabin that in spite of the
lack of diplomatic relations
there was no change in Ivory positive artirude towards Israel.

African with Isra countries Israel

states' trade ties

Cairo stays silent on black

months before the Yom Kippur war in 1973, and the remainder soon after the war. The most publicized rupture was with Uganda, which owed Israel an estimated £15m.

estimated £15m.
Uganda has remained uncompromisingly hostile to Israel because of President Amin's switch to the cause of Islam, which was inspired by Libya. This is not true of most African state.

Libya. This is not true of most African states, which continue to maintain contact with Israel through special interest sections in European embassies and through private business. Advance reservations are needed for the weekly flight from Tel Aviv to Nairobi, which is regularly filled with Israelis fulfilling discreet business commitments in Kenya and other African countries.

Ten per cent of the thousand students from abroad attending courses at educational insti rutes in Israel are from African countries which have broken diplomatic relations with Israel.

with Israel.

Israel's technical aid programme began in Ghana soon after Ghana won independence and later spread from Africa and later spread from Africa
to Asia and Latin America.
Aid projects in Africa concentrated on developing agriculture, livestock rearing, and
veterinary and health services.
Israelis helped to set up
Ghana's Black Star merchant Gnana's black star merchant marine and a system of water supply for the Accra district. They started an engineering faculty at Addis Ababa University and taught Ethiopians portmaintenance, traffic engineering and how to develop

They provided ophthalmic services to Liberia and, through a Haifa firm, supervised an oil refinery in Sierra Leone.

Arafat men willing to form Geneva delegation

Palestinians supporting Mr Yassir Arafar and other traditional leaders at the Palestine National Council session in Cairo indicated today that all but the 20 Rejection Front representatives among them would be prepared to form an independent delegation to attend a Geneva Middle East peace conference.

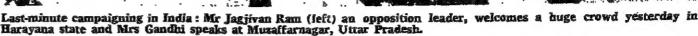
Mr Arafat himself, although not as incautious in private conversation as his colleagues, implied his acceptance of Geneva but steered away further questions by telling the press; "We have to receive an invitation first of all."

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) sent out a series of representasent our a series of representa-tives from the meetin gto tell journalists that any Palestinian state must be used as a base for "political and military struggle" against Israel. Tonight Mr Basam Abu Sherif of the PFLP refused even

to discuss Geneva, stating that his movement would welcome a Palestinian authority on any part of Palestine regardless of size—" even 10 kilometres of it", he said—on the condition the struggle with Israel could continue from this base. One sign of the PFLP's consciousness that they form only a very small minority on the council can probably be found in the increasing number of statements they are making to

statements they are making to the press about the impossi-bility of accepting "the present balance of power bringing about a settlement". They are re-ferring to the massive Syrian and Egyptian pressure being brought to bear upon the Pales-tinians for a peaceful settlement with Israel and to the 100 prewith Israel and to the 100 pro-Syrian delegates added to the council to swing majority opinion in Mr Arafat's favour.





Opposition see Sanjay gun attack as 'stunt'

A reported attack last night by gunmen on a Jeep carry-ing Mr Sanjay Gandhi, son of the Indian Prime Minister, has been greeted with scepticism by opposition parties, who see it as a last-minute electioneering stunt. Polling in the general

election begins tomorrow.

The ruling Congress Party described the incident today as an "assassination bid by unknown miscreants". But a Janata Party alliance, said:
"The whole story seems very
odd. Nobody believes it. He asked why security guards had not begun an immediate search

Youth Congress, who had just ended his campaign for the Amethi constituency in Uttar Pradesh, was unburt in the attack, in which five shots were said to have been fired. But according to a local magistrate's report to the Congressrun state government, three shots hit the seat and body of the vehicle.

The magistrate was reported. by Samachar, the state-con-trolled news agency, to have said that Mr Gandhi had "a narrow and miraculous escape". Gunmen waiting in another jeep had fired as Mr Gandhi's vehicle 'turned a corner late at night in deep countryside. Mr Gandhi himself is reported to here observed. for the gunmen. "I do not know if they were Mr Gandhi, leader of the trying to kill or to scare me."

moment of maximum impact as the Indian electorase has 24 hours to make up its mind before polling begins in more than 300 of the 542 constituencies at stake.

Samachar reported that a guard had returned fire but that the guoman escaped in the darkness. All India radio, the only source of news for most of the electorate, continued to give prominence to the episode

today.
The rise of Mr Gandhi, aged The rise of Mr Gandon, aged 30, especially since the emergency was declared in June, 1975, has been one of the themes of the election campaign. The opposition has represently original him over the peatedly criticized him over the drive for mass sterilization in

Runger strike: Mr George Fernandes, the jailed Indian socialist leader, who has been on a hunger strike for five days, was admitted to hospital in Delhi today. A Janata spokesman said his condition was reported to be serious.

Mr Fernandes, aged 46, who is facing charges of conspiring to overthrow the Government by force, is the Janata candi-date for the Muzzafarpur con-stituency in North East India. He has been refused bail and began his fast because the Gov-ernment refused to transfer him to a jail near Muzzafarpur.

In a statement the Delhi administration said Mr Fernandes was in a fair condition, and had been placed in hospital as a precaution.—Reuter.

Goldwater denial of underworld links

From Peter Strafford New York, March 15

Senator Barry Goldwater to Senator Barry Goldwater to day denounced the allegations that he has had close links with members of the criminal underworld in his home state of Arizona. Appearing on tels vision this morning he declared: "It's not only tidiculous, it's completely untrue." He said that he was shocked and resentful, and was content. He said that he was shocked and resentful, and was contenplating a libel suit. "In the past 15 years I have been in Arizona a total of possibly six or eight months. I have nothing to do with state government. I doa't know a single man out there connected with crime."

The allegations, which have been published in newspapers across the United States, have caused a considerable stir, not

caused a considerable stir, nor caused a considerable stir, not least in Arizona. So far, they have concentrated on Senator Goldwater, his brother Robert, and Mr Harry Rosenzweig a close friend of theirs; but there is more to come as the series continues.

series continues. In the latest instalment, published today by Newsday, the Long Island newspaper, and others. Mr Rosenzweig is accused of having ties with "bookmakers and hoodlum; who helped start Las Vegas on its course to be the gambling capital of the nation"; of having "nurtured prostitution ard gambling in Phoenix for years"; and of exercising influence over the police.

The portrait that emerges, the The portrait that emerges, the article goes on, is of a society where "there is frequent intermingling of organized crime figures and business and political leaders". It quotes a Phoenix businessman as saying that Mr Rosenzweig was the man who brought together the underworld and rice top level of society.

This seamy portrait of Arizona is the outcome of a joint inter-tigation by 37 journalists repre-senting 27 different organizarions, which was launched sites the murder last year of all Phoenix journalist. The series of articles began on Sonday and is to continue for three more

weeks.
In his television appearance this morning. Senator Goldwater commented that the reporters had gone to Arizona hoping to solve the journalist's murder, and that when they had found they could not, they "set out to

do a job on Arizona".
On the other hand, in spire of his attacks on the series, Senator Goldwater has confirmed some of the allegations made against him. He has confirmed, for instance, that he received a contribution during his first campaign for the Senate from Willy Bioff, to underworld figure murdered 1955. At the time, he added, he did not know who Bioff was According to yesterday article, Bioff became a day friend of Mr Goldwater, when he flew about the state in is aircraft and once took on a holiday. "I think I was a house for drinks twice".

He lived right down the street from the solf course." Mr Goldwater has also confirmed that he knew Gas Greenbaum, an underword leader murdered in 1953, though he said that be did not know about his connexions and he has confirmed that he had intervened to help Mike Newman, a man convicted of a gambling offence.

One of the ironic aspects the story is that the two main papers in Phoenix, the Arizmet papers in Phoenix, the Arizons
Republic and the Phoenix
Gazette, which have the same
ownership, have so far not
published a word of the
articles, even though they have
the right to do so and trans
one of their reporters, Don
Bolles, who was billed last wall.

spokesman for the opposition

From Robert Fisk Cairo, March 15

While the Arab and African heads of state were congratu-lating each other last week on their renewed economic and polítical cooperation, a number of potentially embarrassing files were lying on the shelves of the Egyptian Ministry of Infor-mation in Cairo.

African leaders, who were promised \$1,500m (£900m) in promised \$1,500m (1900m) in aid from the Arab nations at the Afro-Arab summit here, have agreed to give political support in the struggle against Israel. But the files, which have not been made public, contain details of trading arrangements which have gone on-and in some cases still go on-between Israel and African nations.

According to one of the files, Israel "has played a major trading role in Nigeria, the Ivory Coast and Sierre Leone". Israeli company that has been Israelis.

involved in a water resources project in the Malagassy Re-public and to a company called Solel Boneh, which has organ-ized road building in Nigeria, including a 750-mile highway. The Saudi Ambassador to the Arab League made some veiled comments in the Egyptian daily

All Ahram two weeks ago, about the need for economic unity, but it seems unlikely there will be any artempt by the Arabs to lean on their African neigh-

For reasons of morale as well as diplomacy, Arab nations have not told their own people that the African nations traded with Israel. Nor have they officially mentioned the reports circulating in Cairo only a month ago that Ethiopian troops captured by Eritrean guerrillas at the beginning of the year were armed with Israeli rifles and allegedly admitted they had been reined by

Smith challenge to 12 rebel MPs

Salisbury, March 15
Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian
Prime Minister, addressed the nation on radio and television tonight in a clear attempt to rally popular support for his

He snoke on the eve of a meeting of the ruling Rhodesian Front's national executive at which his policies are to be challenged by 12 rebel MPs. Mr Smith regards the rebellion ostensibly against moves to modify segregation—as a cover for an attempt to oust him from office.

In his broadcast the Rhodesian leader challenged the 12 rebels to resign their parliamentary seats and to test their backing at by-elections. majority support in their "testing times" and were being

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constituencies, he would then subjected to "tremendous prescall a general election.

It was a matter of regret, he creased, he maintained, before said, that the 12 rebels had any new British approach on broken the longstanding unity of the Rhodesian Front which had been the despair of Rhodesia's enemies.

Rhodesia's enemies.

The passage through Parliament of the Land Tenure Amendment Bill, which opens up white-only agricultural land to purchase by all race groups, had been misrepresented by some to indicate that his Government had weakened, that it was about to surrender, and that there was no future for that there was no future for the white man in Rhodesia. Mr Smith deplored that defeatist attitude, "which could not be further from the truth". The Prime Minister said that Rhodesians were living in

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the settlement issue was made, and Rhodesians were going to need strong hearts and clear heads in the months ahead.

He concluded: "Everything I possess is in Rhodesiia and I thinking people do not really believe that I and my Govern-ment would be party to any plan which would destroy the future of the white man in Rhodesia?" A special commission is sit-

ting in Salisbury tomorrow to decide whether to strip the Catholic Bishop Umtali, Mgr Donal Lamont, of

Mr Callaghan says US and British policy is aligned Emphasizing the importance

By Hugh Noyes, Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr Callaghan underlined in Mr Callaghan underlined in the Commons yesterday the excellent working and personal relationship that he has developed with President Carter as a result of his recent visit to the United States. Reporting to the House, he made it clear that on all the main issues involving their countries around the world the two leaders are travelling along similar paths.

But the Prime Minister's statement went well beyond the usual cliches common to these Leading article, page 17 | Britain was "fighting for her life" and that it was beholden on anyone travelling abroad to give a fair represent 'on of our country's position. Vie could no longer afford self denigration and he deplored the trend in which everything wrong was headlined and everything good was put at the bottom of the

page.
Of the "appalling picture" of Britain conveyed on American television, the Prime Minister soid this was a headline picture culled by American correspondents living in West End bars and never seeing what was going on in other parts of the country. In more informed circles in the United States of the way the British people were facing the great issues of industrial regeneration.

in the national interests of reaching a close and effective working relationship with the United States, the Prime Minister went on to show that to a great extent this had already been achieved. Throughout his statement covering all the im-portant problems facing the western world—unemployment, inflation, economic recession, East-West relations, Rhodesia, apartheid and southern Africa protectionism, human rights, arms reduction, the North Atlantic allience, Cyprus and Uganda—it was evident that Britain and the United States

would be cooperating closely. In a brief aside on President Amin, Mr Callaghan said he thought the Ugandan leader should be kept a little off balance. We should not state our position so clearly that he knew what the response should be. He preferred that President be. He preferred that President
Amin should be kept wondering
as to what the actual position
would be if he arrived in
Britain for the Commonwealth

On Rhodesia Mr Callaghan said that the United States fully supported British efforts for a settlement. He threw out the hint that the Foreign Secretary during his proposed visit to southern Africa would be pre-pared to see Mr Smith if the Rhodesian leader wished to

Parliamentary report, page 14 | Bolles, who was killed last year

there was a real understanding make arrangements for this meeting.

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, March 15

Despite winning most seats in Despite winning most seats in Johannesburg's municipal elections earlier this month, the opposition Progressive Reform Party (PRP) was unday prevented from taking over the city's management, when the ruling national party and the United Party joined forces to form a new management committee.

It is the first time in the city's history that the National Party has had a say in the

in Somalia

Another Briton is reported to be in custody in Somalia. He is Mr Michael Postle-Hacon, who had been working under contract at Mogadishu Port for a firm based in Mombasa.

Miss Wright was one of the crew of the yacht Julie II, which ran aground on the Somali coast

Coalition thwarts Johannesburg voters The PRP won 9 seats in the UP-NP management commute elections, four more than its nearest rival but five short of the National Party may lead in the overall majority needed to take over the city council's management committee. The United Party, which had tradi-tionally goerned the city, came third but has succeeded in retaining a presence in the presence in the council by collaborating with the National Party to keep the PRP out. Johannesburg now has a United Party mayor, a National

The decision to work with the National Party may lead in further splits in the United Party, which is already rives with internal disputes.

Meanwhile, the South African Cabinet met to discuss the new controversial Newspaper Bill amid hopes that negotiations may be reopened with the Newspaper Press Union (NPU) to avoid the looming confront. to avoid the looming confront tion between the Government

dican a

Another Briton arrested

The Foreign Office said yesterday that Mr Gunderson of the British Embassy was seeking consular access. If the embassy's experience with Miss Jane Wright is anything to go by. Mr Gunderson may have to wait a loop time Alberta he wait a long time. Although he has been in daily contact with the Foreign Ministry in Mogadishu, permission to see Miss Wright, who has been held in custody since early December, has so far not been granted.

Correction: A report in The Times on February 23 on the yacht running aground near an archaeologists' camp stated that the crew had met the archaeologists previously and this aroused the suspicions of the Somali authorities. One of the graphaeologist has minted the archaeologists has pointed out that they had never pre-viously met the yacht crew.

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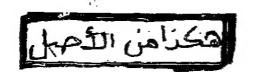
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OVERSEAS



Survival record: Sorio Crainic in a Bucharest hospital

Man rescued from rubble after 10 days

Bucharest, March 15.—A Romanian who survived 252 hours without food or water under the earthquake rubble is baffing doctors and proving medical textbooks wrong.

He was rescued this morning after being entombed in the

debris of a 10-storey Bucharest block of flats for 10 days.

The condition of Sorin Crainic, aged 19, was described by a hospital official "as surprisingly good". He escaped without a scratch, but "suffered from delyadration and fared from dehydracion and

The official described Mr Crainic's survival as "a record unmatched in medical history. It left us agape".

One hospital doctor remarked that a human being usually was unable to live longer than four or five days without water. Last Saturday, however, a 58-yearold woman was dug out from underneath the rubble after eight days without food and

water.
Mr Crainic, a worker at the Electromagnetica plant of Bucharest, was conscious when rescuers reached him. "He shook my hand and demanded a glass of water", one rescuer said. "Then he inquired what day it was."

He was rescued because a

member of a search party heard a noise when a brick was moved. After several hours of digging they discovered Mr Crainic trapped in a corridor in the basement of the building. Eyewitnesses said he was able to walk when brought out. The death roll in the earth-quake has now risen to 1,541, with more than 11,000 injured. —AP and Reuter.

in a tizzy of expectation. They were not chosen entirely at random. The secret

service wanted a large, rela-tively isolated house with an

empty house opposite for them-selves. The White House

organizers wanted somewhere typical or somewhere that

could be presented as typical, and the President wanted a

Mr Carter, of course, has been

to Massachusetts before. A year ago he lost a primary here badly, between winning in New Hampshire and in Florida. The

loss was a nasty shock and even though he carried the state comfortably last November, it

is a shock to remember.

Mr Carter still has to build

up the sort of personal support he needs if he is to realize his

dreams, and the town meeting in Clinton, like his "phone-in"

10 days ago are steps along the

Clinton has 40,000 peoplebigger then Plains, Mr Carter's home town, and older but in elt not at all remarkabli

is about 30 miles west of Bos-ton and was thought typical of

New England. On Thursday Mr Carter will move on to

good night's sleep.

Mr Carter visits Irish on St Patrick's Eve

Clinton, Massachusetts

March 15 The President will meet the People here tomorrow, on his first trip out of Washington

since he moved there, give or take a couple of weekend ex-cursions and a quick look at some snow last month. Clinton is vastly honoured and

excited, sprucing itself up and holding practice meetings. It is very indulgent to the mass invasion of television.

The occasion is Clinton's

annual Town Meeting. Citizens of New England have been guthering every year in their local churches or town halls since the first settlements, to discuss their problems and vote

It is all very democratic and just the thing to fit Jimmy Carter's image of himself as an ordinary citizen who happens to have made it to the White

Ordinary citizens, bowever, are not followed around by 300 reporters, cameramen, secret service men and other hangers on, but Clinton does not mind. proceedings will go out live to America and every one America dances willingly to the television compaines' tune. Mr Carter will spend night in the house of Mr Edward Thompson, a local beer salesman. The Thompsons are rish Roman Catholics and will have the traditional green candle in their window tomorrow night, the eve of St

Tight security in | Howard Hughes Melbourne for royal visit

Hobart, Tasmania, March 15.

—A small group of demonstrators roised banners and waved republican flags when the Queen walked in Hobart today. Others in the crowd of about 5.000 pulled one of the banners down and shouted abuse at the demonstrators.

On the Australian mainland On the Australian mainland

security is being tightened in anticipation of further republican demonstrations in Melbourne tomorrow. Hundreds of police will be on duty when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh drive through the city centre in an open car

In Sydney, Julian Stirling Gilchrist, aged 22, was remanded until next Monday remanded until next Monday charged with offensive behaviour. He was said in court to have shouted "Go home Pommy Queen" at the Queen yesterday. Mr Gilchrist is the ion of the Australian Ambassador in Madrid.—Reuter.

was worth less than £100m

From Our Own Correspondent New York, March 15

New York, March 15
Courts in Las Vegas and Houston were told today that Haward Hughes, the eccentric millionaire recluse, was worth a mere \$168m (less than £100m) when he died last year. This sum was a great deal less than the estimates usually given, which have ranged as high as \$2,500m.

The figure was given in a

The figure was given in a listing of all Hughes's assets as attempts continued to sort out his estate, decide what taxes had to be paid, and settle who should inherit. The process is a tangled one, not least because no generally accepted will has been found. Lawyers' feet are said to amount to will fees are said to amount to mil-lions of dollars already.

One problem is to decide which state has jurisdiction. Hughes d'd nor live in the United States for several years

American aviation expert speaks up for Concorde

From Peter Strafford New York, March 15

The British and French campaign for Concorde landing rights in New York today received resounding support from Aviation Week, a leading aviation magazine.

aviation magazine.

In a strongly worded leading article, Mr Robert Hotz, the publisher and editor, castigated the .Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for conducting "an obfuscating bureaucratic delaying action that is typical of that bankrupt municipality".

The article dismissed the arguments that have been used

arguments that have been used against giving Concorde landing rights at Kennedy airport. ing rights at Kennedy airport, saying that they no longer constituted a case. New York needed Concorde if it was not to see its preeminence as the commercial contre of the United States eroded further.

constituents by fighting the mythical Concorde dragon and a few thousand long-suffering airport vicinity residents are trying to hold back progress in much the same manner as people who lay down in the early railroad tracks more than a century ago", Mr Hotz

wrote.

The noise made by Concorde in the vicinity of zirports was about the same as that of early 707s and DC8s, but venished quicker because of its faster climb, he added. In Washington, where the Concorde has been landing for several months at Dulles Airport, both The Washington Star, former opponents of Concorde, had called for a similar test period in New for a similar test period in New York.

In Britain, where anti-Concorde bysteria had been even worse than in New York, nited States eroded further. a year of actual operations and Only a handful of cynical dissolved all the myths its little in the myths its propagated.

Law Report March 15 1977

No tax on anticipated profits

appeal.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, for dismissing the appeal, said that he had read the judgment of Sir John Pennycuick and agreed with

The Crowo's real case was that

The Crown's real case was that the "cardinal rule" that "profit shall not be taxed until realized "had been overtaken and rendered, perhaps not yet wholly, obsolete by the evolution of modera, so-called scientific principles of accountancy. At any rate if it was right there would not be much left of it, potwithstanding its restatement in BSC Footnear Ltd v Ridguay ([1972] AC 544).

The case for the Crown called

statement in BSC Footnear Ltd v
Ridgway ([1972] AC 544).

The case for the Crown called for bringing into account for each of the years that the bills were held, a proportionate amount of their increasing value as maturity approached. But the bank did not become legally entitled as a matter of couract to those separate increments in each of the accounting years. The Crown had been reduced to proposing that just as money might earn interest, so in the case of discounting bills, it also earned discount. That was like saying that because two foads ran from A to B they were the same road. The bank could not as a matter of law be required for tax purposes to bring into account aliquot parts of its ultimate profit in each of the years during which the bills were maturing.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK said

during which the bills were maturing.

SIR JOHN PENNYCUICK said that the type of transaction in the bills could be analysed in legal terms. Assume a bill with face value of £1,500 maturing in 1975 taken up by the bank in 1970 seainst a payment of £1,000. In 1970 the bank parted with £1,000 and received in return a chose in action consisting of an obligation to pay £1,500 in 1975. The market value of that obligation upon its acquisition in 1970 was the price paid for it by the bank £1,000. Over the years 1971-74 its market value increased as the maturity date approached, but unless there was a sale before maturity there was no realization. In 1975 the bank received £1,500 in return for the chose in action, which was then realized by discharge.

At that point the bank "realized", in another sense of the word, a profit—the excess of £1,500 over £1,000. That profit

"realized", in another sense of the word, a profit—the excess of £1,500 over £1,000. That profit had admittedly to be brought into account for the purpose of tax in some year. The position would be the same if the bank sold the bill before maturity in, \$2y, 1972 for £1,200. It then "realized" a chargeable profit of £200.

Bank Ltd
Before Lord Justice Stamp, Lord
Justice Ormod and Sir John
Pennycuick
A bank's profits are not assesable to tax until they are realized
and the Crown is not entitled to
tax on sums representing fractions
of anticipated profits due when
bills and promissory notes reach
maturity at some future date.
Their Lordships so held (Lord
Justice Stamp dissenting) in dismissing, in reserved judgments,

Their Lordships so held (Lord Justice Stamp dissenting) in dismissing, in reserved judgments, an appeal by the Crown from Mr Justice Walton (The Times, March 13, 1976;

that basis.

Mr Justice Walton upheld the general commissioners in allowing an appeal by the bank against the assessments on the ground that no amounts representing fractional parts of anticipated profits fell to

amounts representing fractional parts of anticipated profits fell to be included in the computation of taxable profits. The Crown appealed.

Mr Michael Nolan, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Crown; Mr F. Heyworth Talbot, QC, and Mr J. R. Gardiner for the bank.

LORD JUSTICE STAMP, In his dissenting judgment, for allowing the appeal, summarized his conclusions. (1) The annual profits accruing from a trade under Case I of Schedule D must be ascertained in accordance with the principles of commercial accounting but subject to any relevant statutory provisions or overriding principles of rax law.

(2) The bringing in on the credit side of the account, made for the purpose of computing annual profits, of a present debt which was payable in future did not offend the principle that profit must not be anticipated.

(3) The amount of the discount on a bill was such a debt, and accordingly to bring the whole or part of it into the account on the credit side did not offend the principle.

credit side did not offend the

principle.

(4) Since the bringing in of a discount before it was received did not offend the principle, it became a matter of accountancy to determine what part of the dis-

Queen's Bench Division

Selling goods at undervalue

Pilgram v Rice-Smith and

Another
Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief
Justice, Mr Justice Eveleigh and
Mr Justice Wien.
[Judgment delivered March 10]
Where a shop assistant sells
goods at an undervalue to a customer who is involved in the
scheme from the start the door
is open to a charge of theft. It
does not matter that theft of only
part of the goods is charged and
theft of the whole is proved.
The Divisional Court so held
when considering an appeal by the when considering an appeal by the prosecution, by way of case stated by Norwich Crown Court (Judge Moylan). Dereham justices had convicted Mrs Doreen Rice-Smith and Mrs Heather May Church, the and wis fraction to the appeal, of their contrary to section 1 of the Their Act, 1968. They had appealed to the Crown Court, where it had been held at the close of the prosecution case that there was no case to answer.

other things. culton case that there was no been to answer.

The respondents had been charged with the their of that portion of the goods which had not been paid for, and the questions for the consideration of the court were whether the evidence disclosed a prima facle case of their and whether it was necessary to be ble to point to a specific part of the goods as having been appropriated.

Mr Francis Irwin, QC, and Mr John Akast for the appellant prosecutor; Mr Igor Judge (who did not appear below) for the respondents. First he will fly to West Virginia to discuss energy problems with the citizens of that cost mining state and then in the evening he is going to New York to address the United

respondents.
The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the prosecutor laid an information against the respondents jointly that they stole corned beef and bacon worth \$21p from the international Stores, East Dereham. The justices found them guilty.
The Crown Court found that Mrs. Rice, Smith, an assistant employed

guilty.

The Crown Court found that Mrs Rice-Smith, an assistant employed at the shop knew Mrs Church. At that time corned beef was 18p a quarter and bacon was 72p a pound. Mrs Rice-Smith served Mrs Church with well over a quarter of corned beef, and marked 20p on the wrapping. She also served her with more than a pound of bacon and marked 38p on the wrapping. Mrs Church then walked round the store, selected further articles and went out of the check-out. She paid \$1.04, including 20p for the corned beef and 38p for the bacon. It was said that she should have paid \$21p more.

For the purposes of the present appeal the court would assume that the Crown Court had found the transaction to be fraudulent from the start. But the decision in favour of the respondents was achieved in a different way. The judge had been of the opinion that since they were not charged with theft of the whole and it

ichieved in a different way. The judge had been of the opinion that since they were not charged with theft of the whole and it was not possible to point to any part that was stolen there was no case to answer. That was a narrow point of law, but the present appeal was important because many cases might depend on it.

The judge at the Crown Court had not had any authority cited to him. In particular R v Tideswell (11903) 2 KB 2731 had not heen cited. There was obviously a consideration of similar issues in that case and the present. Trenting it as a sale of a single article one rad a sale wherehy the price was fraudulently mis-stated so that part was not paid for. Lacis v Cashmarts (11969) 2 QB 400) supported Tideswell.

The court must treat Mrs Church'as involved from the start, and the bacon and corned beef as a single parcel. The sale was a nullity from the start because the woman behind the counter had no authority to sell at an undervalue. That opened the door to a charge of theft. It did not matter that the respondents were charged with theft of part and theft of the whole was proved.

Mr Irwin had indicated that he did not intend to press for the case to be sent lock. Accordingly, on his undertaking to withdraw the appeal, there would be no order.

Solicitors: Mr J. V. Bates, Nor-

Soilcitors: Mr J. V. Bates, Nor-wich: Hawkins, Ferrier & Stave-ley, King's Lynn.

Court of Appeal

some observations about interest. Plainly it had many features in common with discount, but it differed in that interest accrued from day to day and was usually payable at periodical intervals in the year, whereas nothing accrued or fell due for payment under a discount transaction before

accounts so as to spread the antici-pated profit on the bills over the

pated profit on the bills over the period between acquisition and maturity. In so doing, it was acting in accordance with the principles of commercial accountancy. But that did not preclude it from contending that the anticipated profit thus shown was not to be taken into account in determination of the profit of its trade for the purpose of tax.

It was worth observing that the

Footpath on county map still has count ought to be brought into the account in any year. (5) It was common ground that, in ascertaining the bank's profits, in accorded with the principles of commercial accountancy to treat the discounts as being earned over the period in which the money advanced on the bill was outstanding. His Lordship would allow the appeal. LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, for the was the basic scheme of tax law was that income was taxable when received. It was worth while to make some observations about interest. rights of vehicular passage

sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division Lindsment delivered March 101

The ancient vehicular rights extinguished merely by its inclusion as a footpath on a definitive map of the county drawn up under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act,

maturity. Even interest was not chargeable under Case III before receipt. And where lotterest was brought into charge as an Ingoing in the carrying on of a trade, it had been held not to be liable to be so brought into charge before receipt: Bettnett v Ogston ((1930) 15 TC 374). County Council's claim for a declaration that, on a true construction of the Act, the fact that (1930) 15 TC 374).

No profit accrued to the bank in the year when it acquired a bill for cash equal to its then market value. Nor had the Crown contended that the profit on subsequent realization should be related back to the year of acquisition. What the Crown had said was that the increase in value of the bill over the years should be spread over those years and the increase attributable to each year treated as a profit of that year. That contention seemed to be contrary to the basic scheme of tax law. their first revised definitive map showed Marsh Lane in the parish of Kessingland as a footpath was conclusive evidence that it was a highway over which the public had a right of way on foot only, and a right of way on foot only, and granted a declaration to Mr E. S. L. Mason, of Denes Holiday Camp, Kessingland, and four other defendants, that the public had a full right of way, including passage for vehicles, over Marsh Lane.

the purpose of tax.

It was worth observing that the transactions in the bills presented complications not reflected in the simple form of account adopted by the bank and sought to be applied by the Crown. Many of the bills were in foreign currencies; some were sold before meturity; others resulted in a loss. Those complications made the Crown's proposition considerably less attractive. Furthermore, while the bank would no doubt not be financially embarrassed by these assessments, comparable assessments might render traders without adequate financial resources insolvent; they clal resources insolvent; they would have to pay tax on a profit hefore the realization of the asset put them in funds to meet the tax. His Lordship would dismiss the Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Travers South, Braith-waite & Co.

conclusion and said that it would be taken into account on the next review, but that in the meantime the position at law was that Marsh Lane could only be used as a footpath. On their behalf it was submitted that as the defini-

His Lordship rejected Suffolk

Mr Alan Fletcher for the council; Mr Gerald Moriarty, QC, and Mr Stuart Sleeman for the

HIS LORDSHIP said that Suffolk County Council sought a declaration that on January 1, 1961, the date of the first review of the definitive map for the county, Marsh Lane was a highway over which the public had a right of way on foot only. The review was carried out by the council in pursuance of their powers under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, and the first revised map showed Marsh Lane as a footpath.

The Rev Dr E. C. Brooks, Rector of Somerleyton, had set out in an affidavit the history of Kessingland from the Stone Age. For several centuries it had been the largest port on that part of HIS LORDSHIP said that Suffolk

For several centuries it had been the largest port on that part of the Suffolk coast, and from at least Norman times, Marsh Lane was the main roadway to the harbour. When the harbour declined the lane was used by carts for the collection of reeds. Marsh Lane had always the content of the collection of reeds. Marsh Lane had always the content of the collection of the col

at was submitted that as the definitive map was conclusive evidence that there was a footpath along Marsh Lane and as by the definition in section 27 of the Act footpath means a highway over which the public have a right of way on foot only, other than such a highway at the side of a public road ", the public right of way over Marsh Lane was as a footpath and ex hypothesi it was not a public carriageway. Counsel conceded that Attorney General v Honegwill (1972) i WIR 1506) was against him, but he contended that it had been wrongly decided and sought assistance from other cases. Counsel for the defendants relied on Honeywill's case, and argued that there was nothing in the Act which gave the council powers to extinguish a highway.

could not release their rights, and there was no extinction of highways at common law, according to Str Edward Coke, was: (1) it might be a footway appropriated to the sole use of pedestrians; (2) a bridleway which was a footway and horseway; (3) a cartway which comprehended the other two and was also a cart or carriageway. Whichever class a highway belonged to, it was still a highway and once a highway always a highway. The public could not release their rights, and there was no extinctive presumption or prescription; nor was the public right lost by disuse. In the absence of express statutory authority or destruction by natural causes, there could be no extinguishment of a highway. Those presumptions must be applied with equal force to any demotion of a highway.

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Power to extinguish a highway was formerly vested in quarter sessions. Nowadays the final arbiter was a minister of the Crown, but before an order could be made extinguishing a highway there had to be safeguards for those persons likely to be affected, with adequate publication and, in the event of an objection, a public inquiry.

Therefore, Parliament must not be deemed to authorize the extinction of a highway or the diminution of rights in a highway unless it did so in express terms. of reeds. Marsh Lane had always been known as a lane, which meant a surfaced road between hedges and that fact coupled with its width of 20ft, was further corroboration of its use as a carticary. Dr Brooks concluded that Marsh Lane had been a public cartway from time immemorial.

The council now admitted that

to open country." The scherie of Part 4 of the Act, which related to public rights of way, was to ascertain, define, publicize and preserve footpaths and bridleways. It was not, therefore, the purpose of the Act to extinguish highways and nowhere in it was there such a power. Accordingly the ancient vehicular rights attached to Marsh Lane would not be extinguished by 2 sidewind of the process of defining and publicizing a footpath unless the language of the statute compelled one to do so. Thus it was necessary to look at the sections on which the council relied.

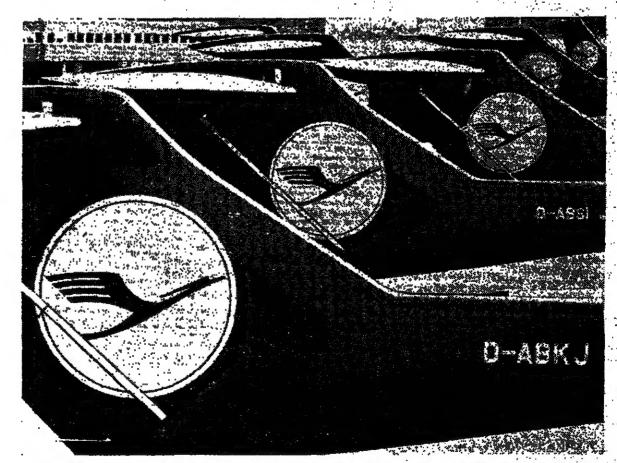
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Section 32(4) provided that

"(a) where the map shows a footpath, the map shall be conclusive
evidence that there was at the
relevant date specified in the
statement a footpath as shown on
the map." That subsection established that the definitive map was
conclusive evidence that there was
a footpath on the line of Marsh
Lane but it did no more. Thus
the council had to say that
"only " in the definition of a
footpath in section 27(6) conclusively established that there was
only a footpath and nothing more.
His Lordship did not think that His Lordship did not think that the words bore the meaning con-tended for by the council. The common law definition of a footcommon law definition of a foorpath was a highway over which
the public had a right of way on
foot only; thus as a foot-path there
were no other rights of way. It
did not follow that there tould
not be other rights of way. Moreover, the words that followed in
the definition in section 27(6),
"other than such a highway at
the side of a public road ", presupposed that there could be such
a highway, namely a footpath
within a public road which still
fell within the definition of a footpath. That construction was necessary in order to avoid conflicts path. That construction was necessary in order to avoid conflicts which would otherwise arise, for example, by section 34 of the Highways Act, 1959, Marsh Lane would be deemed to have become a highway after 20 years' uninterrupted use. The purpose of section 32 of the 1949 Act was to establish that a highway shown on the definitive map should remain so for all time but that did not preclude any additional rights of way which the public might have.

There would be judgment for the defendance and a declaration that Marsh Lane was a public highway over which the public had a full right of way, including a right of way for the passage of vehicles.

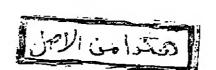
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Restoring the monarchy

The Story of Rabar the Little Elephant, by Jean de Brunhoff (Methuen, £4.95) These last 20 years have been a thin time for royal elephants. Not only has their civilization been analyzed and found wanting to Bahar has the prejudices of a middle-class colon of the 1930s 7 wrote Edmund Leach in 1962) wrote Edmund Leach in 1962] but the grandeur of their environment has been much reduced in the interest of pro-letarian idealism. The huge format of the books in which their exploits were chronicled has been chopped down for cheapness; the exploits themselves have been chapped up for "easy reading"—which was also the reason for chang-

ing the handwritten text into formal print. At the same time all kinds of unwarrantable expansions were forced on the original canon, the final indignity being dismemberment by

television.

Now though, le roi Babar is back. He has resumed again his elephant format, his clear, generously-worked colour, and his text in "round writing that does indeed round off the investigation of his bank. Who integrity of his book. Who cares about the price (which is not all that much more than 7s bd was in the 1930s; or the authoritarien complaints that the volume cannot be accommodated on public library shelves. This is the only fit way to read The Story of Bobar and if you don't like it rhen—as Mr A. A. Milne says in his resoured introduction— "You deserve to wear gloves and he kept off wet grass for the rest of your life". De hons gateaux all round for everyone at Mr Methuen's.

Brian Alderson

Seven ages of Odd

IAMES ROOSE EVANS: The Adventures of Odd and Else-where (André Deutsch, 11.95); The Secret of the Seven Bright The Secret of the Seven bright Shiners (£1.95): Odd and the Great bear (£1.95): Elsewhere and the Gathering of the Clowns (£1.95): The Return of the Great Bear (£2.25): The Secret of Tippity-Witchit (£2.50): The Lost Treasure of

There is magic about the numher seven—seven sisters, seven gwans, seven sons—and now, seven stories. With The Lost Treasure of Wales, James Roose-Evans, the theatre director, has written the seventh and last of series in which the joint heroes are Odd, the bear and Elsewhere, the clown.

In 1971 we met Odd, left behind in an empty house, and Elsewhere, released from a locked cupboard. Chalk and cheese—one cuddly, hearlike and a bit simple, the other eccentric, brilliant and a bit frightening. In The Adventure of Odd

end Elsewhere we were also introduced to a high proportion of the cast of the later books— Hallelujah Jones, a retired Weish policeman and his dotty daughter Collander Moll (got a mind like a siever who are caretakers to Fenton House, the beautiful National Trust pro-perty in Hampstead, Add Mr Goodman ta large, hespeciacled, kindly centleman; and his assistant Arbuthnot, who run a British Rail Lost Property Office between them, and the series is on its way.

Odd and Elsewhere have an additional advantage in that the illustrator, Brian Robb, establishes nuances of character instantly with some of the most enchanting and witty drawings

ever seen in children's book illustrating, each one firmly anchored in the text. The second adventure. The Shiners, establishes Water as an alternative to Hampstead in which exciting things may happen, to be followed by Oddand the Great Bear, in which Odd goes to Wales alone to find out who he is—an identity crisis, the adults would call it, life by the expedient of finding the Great Bear of Wales

Elsewhere has his own adventures with the King of the Clowns (from Elsewhere and the Gathering of the Clowns) in a variation of the King-mustdie myth. Elsewhere is to succeed as king of the Clowns in the further happenings in the Secret of Tippity Witchett. Here things take 4 darker tone. Here things take a carrier tone.

Is Elsewhere a roy or a clown?

How is it that in a knife fight he bleeds? He hied sawdust in the first story when he fell with, and into, a collapsing chandelier, and had to be rushed to the Dolls Hospital.

Another favourite story of the grown ups, the conspiracy to take over the world, appears in The Return of the Great Bear—the villain, slightly military and Hitlerish, as visualized by the excellent Mr Robb, is called Malevil, foiled. of course, by a consortium of bears, clowns, farmers, friends and neighbours.

The last, The Treusure of Wales, brings it all to a close. And not, alus, before time. I am sure Mr Roose-Evans is wise to do this. He is clearly tunning nut of steam, both as to plot and to characterization. Odd and Elsewhere should retire to cultivate their garden and continue to produce Odd's Own Honey, There is a good precedent, Nobody, after all, created an eighth day.



Not a landscape from The Hobbit, but a diagram by Angela Lewer for Lowlands, an introduction to landscape features by Margaret Lloyd Davies. Other titles are The Coast and Mountains and Hills (all Mutter £2.35).

Things to come

CHRISTOPHER: The TOHN White Mountains: The City of Gold and Lead: The Pool of Fire (Beaver Books, 60p each)
The Prince in Waiting:
Beyond the Burning Lands:
The Sword of the Spirits (Putfin, 50p each)

I think I have the advantage of the many readers who must have desonted these trilogies as they appeared piecemeal— the first in 1957 8, the second between 1970 and 1972. Each is really continuous and their appearance all together in paperback (the Puffin is in fact a reprint) makes it possible to treat them as such; each is also an adventure story so enthralling that the idea of stopping to wait for the next ancestors are you and me, volume hardly bears thinking. This sneeds. I think:

I have what I take to be a been my introduction to the work of John Christopher and with the pleasure of it still fresh in mind. I feel quite sorry for those who no longer have that discovery ahead of them. These unfortunates may even need reminding that The White Mountains and its com-White Mountains and its companions is about the colonization and enslavement of the world by beings from another planet: The Prince in Waiting planet: The Prince in Waiting part played by the Seers is exceptionally interesting: Philippa Toomey world by beings from another equence Dresupposes devastation of the world by geological disaster—the South of England is divided from the North by a line of volcanues: the machine age has failed, is indeed held responsible for the catastrophe and superstitiously may not even be referred to in the city states which now flourish in the South-states whose religion with its powerful "Seers" has evolved from spiritualism and whose chief occupations revolve round making war among themselves, uncaring of the threat of some even more barbarous tyranny advancing lowly from the West.

What most immediately strikes the convert to the work of Mr Christopher? First, the telling; this in both storiesthough especially The Prince Watting group-is ener getic, sinewy, uncompromis-ingly unchildish in its style. Next, persuasiveness; what he ells us seems immensely prob-

able, the more so because the world in which it starts is recognizably, reassuringly homely old Hampshire in the area around Winchester and all by the sound of it safely cocooned in a seventeenth-century or medieval past. It takes a page or two to grasp that this is not quite what it seems and several more to see sacely what is wrong: these pre-industrial "pasts" are futures such as may be waiting for us and we have fullen into them. them for reasons easy to believe. How were the Masters able an enslave the world? Too much televiewing, is the They, as it were, polsomed the transmissions and rendered millions docile and ubedient. The society in which Luke (the Prince in Waiting) lives, remains backward—or should it be forward?— because its beliefs do not allow it to examine the achievements of its ancestors, a point all the more telling because those

This suggests, I think, why the later trilogy is the more considerable of the two. Marvellously gripping though the first one is, with its imagina-tive tour de force in the creation of the Masters (monstrous, sophisticated, incomprehensibly strange), the second does not have to rely on such inventions: it is built on how under a cloak of spiritualism, they turn out to be the guar-dians of technology—at Stone-henge, no less—working and waiting for a chance to bring it back and pinning their hopes on Luke's abilities to reunite the South and make it possible. That they fail, or at least fall very short, arises from the irredeemable behaviour of the Southerners as well as Luke's response in it the situation finds a parallel in the last pages of The Pool of Fire: the Masters have been avercome and without the slightest hes-

John Christopher's children's hooks are all published in hard-back by Hamish Hamilton,

development of the plot provide

interest and involvement be-

Offering, by Stephen Chance (Bodley Head 1275), is another story with a strong sense of environment A valley in North

Wales is under threat of arti-

ficial drowning and ancient forces of evil are given new life

by the contemporary bitterness of nationalist feeling. The Reserved Septimus Trollogi is

a detective in the comfortable

tradition of Father Brown. In his third adventure, he pits

his wits against Celtic super-stition and witchcraft. Doggedly

and discreetly this pipe-smok-ing man of God restores law

and order. We are often told that children identify heat with

heroes of then own age. Within

its own cliches, this kind of

adventure story helps to dis-

prove that limited theory.

nd the average thriller. Septimus and the Stone of

Nightmares

The Cats, by Joan Phipson (Macmillan, £2.95), as us cerie cover suggests, has a super-natural atmosphere reminiscent of Hitchcock's The Birds. An extract from the Sydney Morning Herold in 1971 shows where Joan Phipson found her inspiration: "Giant found her inspiration: Glain, wild cats weighing up to 250lbs are rosming central Australia and wiping out thousands of native animals and birds.

Four boys, two of them kidnappers and the other two their appears are the control of intended victims, set off into this unvielding, elemental bush landscape. The four have very different characters and their nightmare adventure becomes a psychological drama as the author examines how the boys pecking order changes under stress. The vivid quality of the

C3.25) When a nice, middle-class girl meets a young toughie--albeit an intelligent one-there are bound (in fiction at least) 10 be problems, First the problem of parental acceptance, and second the adjustment of the

detail the lives and relationship of Kate and Mark.

Joy Whitby

sonable romance of a 15-year- the too good to be true they Meek and two others (Bodley old; the unnerving passion for can be excused for the sake of Head, \$7.50), and a much slim-

a sound understanding of ado. Here and more businesslike paperback. Writers, Critics and Children, edited by Geoff Fox and four others (Heinemann,

riding, teaching and writing, and those who follow his advice will never go far wrong, though some of the illustrations in this particular book are uncomfortably garish. Children who have pro-gressed beyond the elementary

It is a truism to declare that the growth of riding as a sport, precisely at the moment when the horse was rendered virtually obsolete by the invention of the internal combustion engine, is extraordinary. As curious is the proliferation of books about how to care for them, how to ride them, win on them, breed from them. To select so few of the dozens of titles available is unavoidably invidious: I have tried to choose books which are both reliable, relevant and reason-

Bitten by

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pony bug

The first of what is planned to be a series of occasional

review articles recommending children's books on particular

For the complete novice, particularly children of tender years who have just been hitten by the pony bug, I think it essential that any book they should be copiously and intelligently that necessarily the same thing) illustrated. Some of the most basic pieses of information about ponies can seem complex when described only with words; an nescribed only with words: an illustration will give instant understanding. Learning to Ride and Pony Care by W. J. W. Froud (Collins, £1,25) is illustrated throughout with accurate coloured line illustrations and covers the full range. tions, and covers the full range of elementary knowledge; how to look after a puny, what equipment is needed both for the pony and for its rider, and gives straightforward advice on Toyne's Family on Horseback ((Linterworth, 11.75), This book is illustrated with delightful glimpses of the various members of a pony-mad family indulging themselves; there is plenty of mud and rain, cleanmg of bits and brushing out of tails—and, above all, a real sense of enjoyment is obvious from the broad smiles on the faces of the children involved. The text is full of practical wisdom. Another author to look out for, Elwyn Hartley Edwards, who is editor of Rid-

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ing age in their particular subject, if my own experience is anything to go by Another acculade for Elwyn Harriey Edwards, whose The Horseman's Guide (Country Life Books, 1295) is something of a classic. Colonel Bill Froud's admirably illustrated Better Riding (11.15) and Better Show Jumping (11.85; both Kaye & Ward) are nearly as good as a series of lessons from the author who is the Marional good as a series of lessons from the author, who is the National Instructor to the British Horse Society. While on the subject of the B.H.S. I should mention of the B.H.S., I should meaning their Manual of Horsemanship, the Rible of every Pony Club member, which was first brought out in 1950 and is still one of the most comprehensive and reliable of handbooks. and rename of nandbooks.
Berty Skelton's Horses and
Riding (Stanley Paul. (22.95)
and Diana Tuke's Horse by
Horse (J. A. Allen, £5.50) both deserve mention, as does a new paperliack series from Ward Lock: the first two titles by Carol Green, Training Explained and Jumping by Carot Green, Training Explained and Jumping Explained (both £1.50) are to be followed by others which will also deal with particular aspects of horsemastership in some detail. Finally, for the reader whose

appetite has been dulled by books on horse or pony care, but who is so besotted that only the subject of the horse is in any way palatable. I recom-mend The Story of Riding by E. M. Kellock (David & Charles, £4.50) which describes the way in which both the theory and the practice of riding have developed—since long before man discovered that his horse was worth giving a

Candida Geddes Candida Geddes is herself the author of an excellent introductory book: Making Friends with your Pony (£1.95) and has edited the more wide-ranging and detailed Concise Book of the Horse (22.95, both Ward Lock).

Technology

The Story of Computers, by Ruger Piper (Hodder, 1295) The scientific interests of

heyond the tradition of cars, ships, trains, and aircrait, chatty tyle. The book is Advanced technologies are flawed, however, by the occamedia, and curious children are as minology here and there, likely as pit to seek, or at which combine to make the likely as not to least be attracted by, a book on computers. A useful project then. But what objectives should such a book have? At this level of first interest, it seems important to entertain and inform, without being

demanding. Mr Piper broadly succeeds in all three of these assumed aims. A wide view of the subject enables him to include plenty of applications, and some history, as well as telling us something about computers themselves. He the contemporary child range assembles a stream of facts and informative value variable. It is also a pity that some factual inaccuracies have been allowed to survive in this revised edition.

W. A. P. Bain

Civil wars

Puritan and Cavaller. The English Civil War, by James Barbary (Gollancz, 13.75) itation, mankind falls hack into quarrelling. As I understand him. Mr Christopher seems to be saying this: that as long as we remain the stuff we are, no good will come of it.

David Wade

Remembering just a few of the myrind specialist volumes to issue from the late troubles, one would expect little enough from under 200 pages—many of them occupied by poorly defined contemporary illustrations—our norting to survey the tions—purporting to survey the entire conflict, religious polit-ical and military. Yet the reader is well served by these few pages most obviously in the military chapters, where Mr Barbary orders his passages with necessary adminies-reaching a peak of narrarive competence in his account of Montrose's inspired dash through the Highlands. As to the religious and polit-

ical aspects of the revolution, those who have read in the subject in any depth will gain by looking aftesh from a dis-tance; and if we are not stood as far back as the scale of the

work might seem to demand, it is because the book invites reading between the lines. For example, it leaves us in acuse psychological suspense when it tells how, after Naschy, with Parliament in the saddle, the Puriran resolve to push mutters to the ultimate military conclusion suddenly faltered Why? Well, this is the stuff to drive us—safely directed by the useful bibliography—to deeper readings.

As M: Barbary says of his period, times changed. And so they still do, for I doubt if his own vouriful reading would have yielded such a disen-chanted view of the Civil War. Here (as where not else?) liberty was the first and least regarded casualty of the fight against tyranny. Men of high ideals texpressed in consum-mate proce!) and temperate politics fought on both sides, but self-interest flew the bravest banner on the field, and predators and bigots carried the day.

Allan Morrison

Extinction

The Day of the Diprodoton, by Olaf Ruhen; illustrated by Peter Pavey (Hodder, 52.95) Not so much the day of the diprodoton as his twilight. He was a large marsupial, rather like in hippopotamus, and he became extinct some fire militim years ago, his hones apparently being littered in massive quantities around the shrunken lakes of South Australia. Now Olai Ruhen and Peter Pavey have sought to recreate for the reader some techniques of the law boars of sense of what the last hours of one group of these creatures may have been like as they were stricken by drought in the middy wastes between

feeding-ground and waterhole The hook is in picture-book format, but neither its language nor its illustrations play down to the reader or belittle the drama of the diprodoton's story. For unlike so many gandy "dinnsaur books" this is concerned to awaken the imagination rather than stun the mind with hyper-dramatic rechnicolor interpretations. Mi Rulien may occasionally be guilty of overwriting, but his evocative prove is tempered by the grim reticence of Mr Pavey's drawings, and the im-pact of their joint work is fresh and stirring in a way seldom found in contemporary non-fiction for children.

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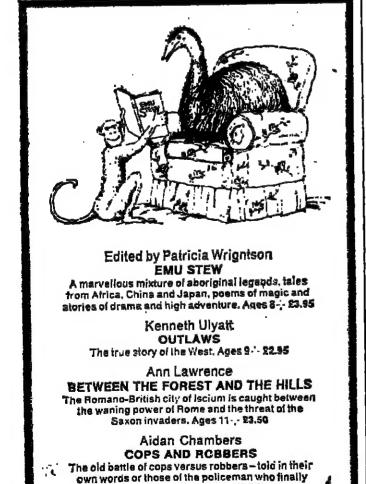
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its contents from past issues of ture in Education (£5.85 a year from Mrs 8. Collinge, 2 Sun-nine Place. Exmouth, Devon. The most recent issue—No 23, Winter 1976—includes a notable reappraisal by Q. D. Leavis of kingsley's Water Babies and a fine essay on Mayefield's fiction

with convincing Chatto & Windus ask us to point out that George Macdonald Fraser's Pictures in the Cave, warmly reviewed by Myrna Blumberg on the Thursday Book Page a fortnight ago, is a children's title. It is published at £3.25.

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breaks a statue on the way out;

no bother to clear it up, he says "I can pay" one of the many passages in which Griffiths and his director have sharpened up

Chekhov's point to make it

stick deeper. Again and again I was struck by passages that seemed totally unfamiliar. "From every tree in your orchard," Trofimov tells Anya, there are people harring."

"there are people hanging."
But no, it is there in the

standard text, in a more muted

form, usually passed over un-

As for the comedy, Notting-

ham at present enjoys the services of Antony Sher, a super-

lative clown, whose diminutive Epikhovdov, beaming with panic, and executing virtuoso trips and numbles, each timed at the least expected moment,

supplies a farcical line which no doubt he would have supplied

doubt he would have supplied to any production. Griffiths additionally has given him a rick sequence of clerkish malapropisms and pedantries plus the superb visual gag of getting entangled with Charlotte's trick playing cards at the particle of the control of the cardy and the cardy are supplied to the cardy and the cardy are supplied to any production.

Otherwise, the fun derives from increasing the distance between people: so that Annie Hayes's Varya goes through the

play in a constant state of vixenish frustration, Mick Ford's

Trofimov in an urgent desire

so shed his gauche private self by getting up on a platform, and John Barrett's Firs in stone-

deaf attachment to the good old days with unpredictable moments of perfect hearing, as when he responds to one of Yasha's insults with a brisk

Neither in Firs nor anyone

else is there any invitation to pathetic sympathy: in their own

ways they are all tough and less important than the historical

forces moving around them : a

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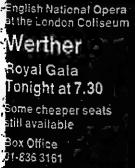
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All all come expecting bloody Tom Jones", he bloody Tom Jones", he way the film industry has changed since we started that at all. Both films woodfall Films nearly 20 years ago. Then you could afford to have a good many failures and there was room for the small-budget, small-profit 'art' film. Now all those are being made for television, and all the film producer can do is hit the jackpot or else go bust. Nobody wants to nurse a film along any more."

Richardson still has the two

children by his marriage to Vanessa Redgrave living in this country, as well as a third child from a later alliance, but he himself is nowadays more often to be found in Hollywood, where he recently bought a house from Linda Lovelace:

"I don't really see much point in keeping a home here since so much of my work now seems to be abroad. Most of my time lately has been spent out in California trying to set up a film called *The Bodyguard* which Jack Nicholson and I am very keen to do but nobody else is; we either had the cast or the money but never both at the same time, so then when Joseph Andrews came along I saw at last the prospect of actually getting a film off the

ground again."
In fact, Richardson had been thinking about Joseph Andraws intermittently ever since Tom

Jones:

"I'd always wondered about whether I could turn it into a script; Fielding actually wrote it before Tom Jones and intended it as a satire on Pamela which had just been published in 1740. But the satire soon flagged and he went on instead to invent this went on instead to invent this great comic epic in prose which he filled with what he called persons of inferior rank and manners."

manners."

For the film, Richardson has assembled a cast headed by Pener Firth and featuring Peggy Ashcroft, John Gielgud, Michael Hordere, Beryl Reid and Jim Dale, to say nothing of one or two familiar faces from Tom Jones including that

There is nothing dull or row

fer, from Dresden, will be stag-ing Richard Strauss's Elektra

sight of Kupfer's production, which the WNO will borrow

with a few minor alterations. It is unashamedly director's

stead the stage is covered with

ing scene are spattered with the blood of the slaughtered

running a court as an abattoir.

a 20-fit stratue apparently decapitated by some monster fractious child. The arms are outstretched but the flesh has al-

ready been eaten away. The musical prelude announces that

this is the murdered Agamem-non, and the ropes which

shackle the body suggest the net which Klytennestra threw over her husband long before the opera starts so that Aegis-

thus could stab him. Through-

out the 100 or so minutes of Strauss's score Elektra uses the

sings the duet of exultation in

vengeance between the legs of Agamemnon and in the final dance of ecstasy she is con-

stantly tugged back to the statue before collapsing at its feet.

Harry Kupfer makes visually a point reiterated in the score: the central character of Elektra is Agamemnon. He

To the right of the stage is

in Wales



of Peter Bull. More surprisingly perhaps, the film also stars Ann-Margret.

"She" adds Richardson by way of explanation, "plays the villainess, Lady Booby. Why a Swedish-born American film star for the part? Well, there eren't all that many stars around with really his books. around with really big boobs, so I naturally thought of her, and she really is very good." But what in the end separates Joseph Andrews from Tom "Well, it's a remantic love

story in a vaudeville setting, instead of another eighteenthcentury romp. It's about an earlier England, the England of medieval times when people were concerned still with the rights of the countryside and when the landscape really was at its very best. We made the whole film on location in the West Country in 10 weeks on a very tight budget, which is the way I really like to work. The

Kupfer's electrifying Elektra

Peter Bull. More surprise idea of spending say, six gly perhaps, the film also months shooting a film appals

Despite the importance of this picture to his own filmmaking future, Richardson will not in fact be doing a great deal to promote it himself; "I've never been the kind of director who's been good at going on television explaining

why he made a film or what

he thinks it's about. Some directors really are good at that, and they tend to be the ones who like their films best after they've finished making them. I don't. I like them best while we're actually making them: once they're complete, as far as I'm concerned they're over, and it's on to the next. I also find that my own ambitions are different now: 10 or 15 years ago I was quite happy to be involved in Woodfall as a producer, helping to set up not only my own films like A Taste of Honey and The

Loneliness of the Long-distance Runner, but also other films like Dick Lesser's The Knack and Karel Reiss's Sounday Night and Sunday Morning.
But now I really only want to be involved in projects that Pm woing to direct, which is partly why Woodfall produces so much less these days.

"Also, of course, it is very

much harder now to get a film started in this country: there's started in tots country: Incre's a kind of despair which I don't really understand, and now you have to decide not just what films you want to make but what film you could actually raise the money for. I've been spending too much of my time on interesting pro-jects that came to nothing and I've now got to be more realistic."

But what about the theatre, where Richardson did much of his best work in the late Fifties when with George Devine he co-directed the Royal Court?

"Somehow I no longer feel very involved in the theatre, though I'm always happy to rethere's an interesting project: I directed Vanessa in Lady from the See in New York last year, but that was a limited engagement and I knew I had the film to do immediately after it; usually it is much more diffi-cult to schedule a play to fit in with whatever film work is going on at the time. I'm also
less and less inclined to use
playwrights as screenwriters,
not because I don't admire many of them but because they never seem to want to col-laborate, and all cinema is about collaboration.

"Besides all that, I really am happy in California. It must be something to do with having been born in Bradford. David Hockney was born a few streets away from me and he feels the same way about it. Apart from being the one place where you can still raise money for films, sometimes, it's also a surprising and beautiful city, Los Angeles, just so long as you don't approach it with European eyes. California is all about cars and movement, and because of that mobility you don't find the divisions that cut through society over here. Looking around London 20 years after we first did Look Back in Anger at the Court I'm appalled how little has really changed: it's still a 'them and us' society. There was also an explosion o talent at that time in both the theatre and the cinema which I was lucky enough to be a part of; now the focus has shifted towards music and the other

But it would be wrong to indicate that Mr Richardson often finds himself looking back in nostalgia:

"Pve kept nothing: no scrapbooks, no notes, no reviews, no photographs, and I certainly don't believe the immediate past was so good that we have now to hang around in it. But I do worry about a lack of generosity around at the moment: there is a ludicrous desire to see other people fail—look at the treatment the press have recently given the National Theatre."

Sheridan Morley

strange that neither artist was as accurate or poised in Brahms's No 3. But confidence returned with Hindemich's sonata in E (1935), and in Rayel's sonata their response to style and mood was as mature and effortless as their command of the notes.

Another violinist Mamlock, came from New York not as an aspiring youngster but an erstwhile orchestral musician now free to play for his own pleasure, With Paul Hamburger as helpful piemist, there were traces of old fire in shorter pieces by Bloch and Lavry, while sonatas by Tartini, Beethoven and Hindemith were helped along by good intentions despite technical frailty.

Both singers were English baritones, though Jeffrey Benton's bright timbre often made him sound like a tenor. In gentler moods, whether on old hadian, twentieth-century English or Schubertian soil, Mr Benton would be beguil ingly lyrical. In heightened excitement his tone acquired a metallic edge, too hard for Robert Sutherland's piano to cushion, though an orchestra cushon, mough an orthesta-could have done so. The gen-erosity of the chimax in "Der Doppelgänger"—others wo-suggested that he would have no difficulty in projecting the voice across footlights.

bass-barnone, was more respon-sive to detailed verbal in-mendo, and with John Streets in support made a very brave shot at Russian story-telling in

can training combined to give the pianist, Vaila Mead, far more confidence than often encountered in debuts. Gratitude for such ebullience of spirit and sturdy technique was regret that she did not travel a little farther in imagination into the specific sound-world of her different composers, notably Bach and Ravel. Her presentation even grew dan-gerously forceful in parts of Chopin's F minor Bellade (where a dramatic silence was spoiled by pedal) and the spoiled by pedal) and the finale of Beethoven's Op 111 But the variations were well coordinated, and in the sonata's powerful opening movement Miss Mead's high

The English flautist, Philippa Davies, gave her first complete solo recital as winner of the 1976 National Federation of Music Societies award, always holding arrention in Bach, Telemann and Mozart besides the contemporary composers she so obviously relishes with grace and liveliness of finger as well as imagination. For captilena she found a pliable range of ripe, never breathy, tone, particu-larly enjoyable in Poulenc. In her novelty, Steven Pratt's des-criptively entitled "Star and Dead Leaves", she brought off some avant-garde effects, too, on alto flute. Her attentive pianist was Aydin Onac.

Joan Chissell

Alain Judd, described as a

the service of the masses", did not convince the public of his youthfulness or relevance. They tended to feel that he was

attempts at musical chairs and must not forget that it was he the occasional lighting up of a who created that fashion.

John Higgins

London debuts

The week's most winning recit-al came from the Swiss violin-ist, Jan Dobrzelewski, with June Pantillon as discerning coloured for the task, Growing parmer in four sonatas. After confidence considerably oiled such tonal glow and keet the voice in Quilter and edged, speaking phrasing in Southam, but in groups of Pur-Schumann's No. 1, it was cell and Schoek sensitive intenstrange that neither artist was tions often had to be accepted tions often had to be accepted in lieu of flowing sound." Australian roots and Ameri-

Sartre pulls them in

points in time.

Sartre's participation in Maoist groups, his editorship of several of their publications in the early Seventies, his frequent appearance in their demonstra-tions, and his conclusion that one must abandon one's role as intellectual to put oneself at

playing the clown. It is, therefore, all the more surprising that a three-and-a Alexandre Astruc, decided to leave camera angles to chance, and the questions to himself and a supporting cast from the review, Les Temps Modernes. The action was limited to a few

Sartre, flanked by a nervous Mehinda Camber Porter day's later editions.

Sartre is the first to admit that Simone de Beauvoir, had little he has become landlocked in a choice but to take responsibility classical cultural tradition. The for the film: he added the for the film: he added the humour by lampooning himself provided the drama, by dis-agreeing with Madame de Beau-voir, and almost managed to awareness of the dictates of a

filmed interview, revealed, in miniature, his ourstanding caparime. And this impression was clarified by a chronological his-tory of the part he played in major events. It became evident that Sartre's rejection of the current fad for Structuralism does not

stem from a withdrawal from contemporary society into a privare ideological haven. It is rather that he rejects a philosophy which substitutes timeless nameros for the particularities and idiosyncrasies of events. And although Sartre has changed position many times, half hour film, Sartre par his there is an underlying consist, meme, should be showing to eacy in his method of arriving packed houses in Paris. at a conviction: every attitude Especially when the director, is submitted to ruthless reappraisal. He spares neither his own attitudes nor those of his age. The only time Sarrre allowed his voice to speak for a fashion was during the Existentialist boom. And one

The Cherry Orchard Nottingham

Irving Wardle

Chekhov, we are always being reminded, called his last play a comedy, but this is the first production I have seen that goes halfway to earning that

This is one contribution Trevor Griffiths's new version makes to the play's history, and not, I must say straight away, at the expense of the characters. With a writer as politically literate as Griffiths there never was any danger of seeing the piece distorted by revolutionary hindsight starting an idealized

Trofimov.

In Griffiths's terms, as in Chekhov's, the sale of the Tsarist Mentmore gathers together certain pre-revolutionary figures, none of whom has the author in his pocket. What Griffiths has done, apart from giving the peasants Lancashire accents, is to clarify the characters' individual stakes in the sale of the estate. Thus the famous Chekhovian egoisms become tied to the principle of economic self-interest.

There is no poetic bloom on the text, nor on Richard Eyre's production: the nursery is evoked with a rocking horse, the orchard with a glow of morning light through the opened shutters. All attention is focused on anatomizing the characters' desires and their class inheritance.

class inheritance. You see the pattern at its clearest in the ambiguous duel between Dave Hill's Lopakhin and Bridger Turner's Mme Ranevsky. "This", she snaps "is my cherry orthard", and she can instantly subdue him to an awkward hand-flapping inferior. That is their personal contact. But towards Ranevsky's class he is a formidable, snarlclass he is a formidable, snarling antagonist as the production establishes just after the sale, in this version, Lopakhin

to make his debut there,

in an opera which he will

be conducting in the summer

for Glyndebourne shortly

before becoming music direc-

for there. The revival at Covent

Garden also introduces a new

Giovanni and a new Zerlina.

Haitink's sense of scale and

his singers; both supper scenes began with a glow of jollity, and for the tender solicitude of Zerlina in "Vedrai, carino" his hushed coaxing of the orchestra

was as enchanting as Elizabeth Gele's singing of it on stage.

Yet the main impression left

by his direction of the score was of grandeur, the events in

the drama that are larger than

life. Now and then his touch was unsuitably heavy, in Leporello's Catalogue aria and Zerlina's "Barri, batri", both almost humdrum when they

The new Don Giovanni, Michael Devlin has played the part in his native America and Germany, and has sung other

roles here. Again his bright, incisive baritone, which softens insinuatingly for "La ci darem"

should tease.

Don Giovanni

Covent Garden

William Mann

puppet-like tableaut at the opening of each act, and the staging of the party for a masked group of ghosts dancing the minuet in a cold house. and "Deh, vieni", is to be admired, likewise his tall, athletic stature. He looks the arneric stature, he looks me froving, devil-may-care, young lion to the life, with a hint of the prematurely aging sayr who gladly gives up his exhaust-ing quest, in the and, and almost looks forward to the tranquility of eternal damna-tion Monday's revival of Mozart's Don Giovanni at the Royal Opera allowed Bernard Haitink

As yet, though, his portrayal also suggests something of the fop, and contrariwise of the clean-living outdoor boy: they are all part of Don Govanni, and are not yet quite integrated in Mr Devlin's interpretation. Amid much vivid and attractive singing, his unrhythmical delivery of "Fin ch'han del feeling for rhythm stand his reading in good stead: he found a light touch, nicely sensuous, for the balcony trio "Ah. tacl, ingiusto core!", which brought the best from and his coarse ranting at Elvira in the supper scene were regrettable.

Miss Gale's Zerlina is not only adorable to watch and hear, but cunningly judged and timed, witness her unwillingness to face Giovanni when he makes up to her; her voice has gained richness and radiance, but is never forced. If only the same might be written of Yasuko Hayashi's Donna Anna. much coarser now than before, or Elizabeth Vaughan's skilled but often rasping Elvira (very pretty, all the same).

With Geraint Evens's Leporello, Paul Hudson's stalwart Masetto, and Gwynne Howell's Commendatore, happier territory is reached again. The weird, no longer challenging settings are made up for by the still handsome costumes, but John Copley's production is beginning to lenguish. Voices were heard looking hopefully forward to Peter Rall's new production at Glyndebourne.

National Opera plans

will stage six new productions in the 1977/78 season. On September 9 Charles Mackeras will conduct the first performance of La Bohème produced by Jean-Claude Auvray and designed by Hubert Monloup, with Valerie Masterson, David Rendali Lorna Haywood and Christian du Plessis in the principal parts.

The second production, on September 28, is David Blake's September 28, is David Blake's Toussaint, with libretin by Anthony Ward and Neil Howlett in the title role. Mark Elder conducts and David Pountney produces. The designer is Maria Bjornson. Toussaint is the fourth opera commissioned by the English National Opera with the help of

tion.

Weber's Euryanthe, conductor

Sir Charles Groves, producer

John Blatchley, follows on

November 2. It will be given in
a new English translation by

John Warrack, with designs by Stefanos Lazaridis. Janacek's The Excursions of Mr Broucek is promised for December 30,

the Calouste Gulbenkia Founda-

in a production by David Pountney conducted by Charles Beethoven's Fidelia, conducted by Sir Charles Groves and produced by Joachim Herz, on March 11 next year and Martinu's Julietta, on March 30 complete the new productions. Julietta, a New Opera Company production, has Charles Mackerras as conductor and Anthony Besch as producer.

Vampire

Ned Chaillet

It gets in the blood, vampirism, and flows in the family way through genes. The psyche-sucking young girl of the first part of Snoo Wilson's revived and revised play dreams that Dracula is her ravisher, though it is only her sister's fiancé. It is later, at a seance, that her father, a Welsh clergyman, attacks her in a coffin and makes her pregnant while all the witnesses are murdered.

Two generations later, on the eve of the Second World War, another young woman reveals that just that thing happened to her grandmother. young woman comes to conceive in a union with the astral body of a young cricketer killed in the war.

By the third act it is 1977 and, if sudden illuminations are anything to go by, the granddaughter of that spectral mating is living at the top of the pagoda at Kew Gardens. With her lover in New York and with her own more than passing interest in women, another birth may be inconceivable, though she herself is on the verge of becoming Patty

Mr Wilson's riotous assem-blage of spirits also manages to stir the ghost of Charles Dick-ens for a reading of the death of Little Nell and raises a speech from Sigmund Freud, meanwhile parading a nativity scene and the virgin birth of a fanged infant. The first act, with sexual possession rattling the bed above a seance and a demonic, voluptuous performance from Patri Love, is the play's height of comedy, a manic helizapoppin of invention, sliding from verbal frolics to pure slapstick. What follows, though dotted with ideas, is ragged in its probe of sex and repression,

myth and compulsion. Dusty Hughes's direction pinpoints the laughs in Mr Wilson's comic cosmology, and with a superb cast draws particularly fine performances from Neil Johnston as, among other things, an ox and a Hell's Angel, and from Linda Marlowe and Diana Patrick in a variety

There are only moments of creaking coffin lids and caped figures in the moonlight in Vampire, but spiritual possession and people at odds with gentle society and religion pro-liferate. If the final message is clouded by sombre digressions, Mr Wilson's play is as lively with entertainment as a wellused crystal ball.

Some of the articles on this page are reprinted from yester-

is omnipresent; he sparks all the action. The symbol is per-fectly in key with the music, but one or two of the other inventions are more questionable. Kupfer has the main eutries made over a dinky white bridge, more suitable for the A Special Loan Exhibition from the Museums

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Anny Schlemm and Hanna Rumowska

first act of Madam Butterfly than Strauss. The fifth serving girl is stripped and slaughtered for reasons which escaped me. And Orestes makes a reappear-ance during the closing bars, his hands covered with blood. Just now much these support Strauss and Hofmannsthal is open to doubt, but there is no denying the overall strength of Kupfer's production. He is out to show the brutality of the Eastern Mediterraneau, as Herz statue as a refuge, caressing his calves, which is about as far as she can reach pulling on the ropes which bind him. With Orestes, her brother, she did in his Salome. But unlike Herz, who auchored the earlier Strauss opera firmly in Herod's palace, Harry Kupter removes anything which refers specifically to Mycenae. Indeed, the most Grecian prop on view is

draws superbly uninhibited per-formances. The best of them is given by Anay Schlemm, the veteran German mezzo who I last heard singing for Felsen-stein at the Komische Oper. Her Klytemnestra is a glitter-ing white toad with a gash of red for a mouth and two eyes dark-ringed with sleeplessuess. Following Hofmannsthal's in-structions her neck is hung with jewels, pendants and talismans; against Hofmanns-thal's wishes the purple robe has become brilliant white, presumably to contrast with Elektra's peasant black. Miss Schlemm exudes self-horror so that the soft comment to her daughter that she no longer

not much of the wildcat suggested by the serving maids. But from this almost gentle beginning Miss Rumowska paced herself well, building up to the confrontation with Chrysothemis (slightly cut) and the remains a sight Christes. the reunion with Orestes, where the voice took on the right tones of ecstasy and command. Anna Alexieva, flounced out in white and mad as Donithe simple black peasant dress covering Elaktra. From his singers Kupfer zetti's Lucy on her wedding night, is an extraordinarily accomplished Chrysothemis, exevery opportunity and hugging Elektra in feminine delight-"Ich bin ein Weib und will ein Weiberschicksal". Gunther Reich's Orestes was too stolid and too middle-aged in the face of these wild women, but it was excellently sing. Michael Gielen kept his orchestra at modest power for

much of the evening, ignoring Strauss's famous complaint that at one moment in the rehearsals for the premier he could still hear Schumann-Heink. He maleashed the full sound at the end when it was clear that Rumowska had plenty of voice in reserve. The daughter that she no songer sleeps at night ("Ich habe keine guten Nächte") is almost superfluous. The voice is still full, the diction immaculate. Miss Schlemm can act, as she slithers away on her haunches Amsterdam audience gave the singers an immediate standing ovation at the end of the performance and any Welshmen there could go back home fairly confident that they have a winner for next March. under the lash of Elektra's tongue. To my delight she will be appearing in the WNO pro-

The strength of Anny Schlem made the Elektra of

Hanna Rumowska look over-placid for the first half of the

evening. She began by singing much of "Allein! Weh, ganz allein" to the polythene-

allein to the polythene-covered floor rather than out into the auditorium. There was

in Paris

younger generation have espoused new ideologies, reserving a place for Sartre in their agreeing with Madame de Beaueducation, but rarely their voir, and almost managed to
debates. Structuralism, of any
brand or discipline, dominates
the French intellectual climate,
His sense of the moment, his and Sartre is as provocatively contrary with Lévi-Strauss and Lacan as he was with de Gaulle, Castro and Camus, at various

to take

back seat in

importance

away log. Pierre Caronaire. St Etienne's general manager, was probably aware of that when he said playing at Anfield would be no different to appearing at any other stadium full of partisad

other stadium full of purisad supporters.

These influences of history and atmosphere are relevant enough but three variations in the team alignments could be decisive. Thompson, the Liverpool central defender, is missing because of a cartilage operation, but Keegan, who missed the first leg, plays tomight. For St Etlenne the loss of their strong defender, Piazza, who successfully marked Gerd Mailler in lust season's final, is serious hecause Liverpool will, presumably, commit themselves to all-out attack. Piazza was automatically supended after being cautioned for a foul on Callagham and having his name taken in an earlier European Cup match.

St Etlenne revealed in the first

earlier European Cup match.

St Etienne revealed in the first leg that they were struggling to retrieve the form of last season—a fact supported by their league results which have left them only midway in the table. Their outstanding forward, Rocheteau, was not completely fit when facing Liverpool in France and Revelli did not play as well as expected. The defence scened hesitant and might well have fallen had Keegan been there to tease them. With Keegan and Toshack linking together, Liverpool should progress to the semi-final round in which they could find their company less auspicious than they had

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leared.

Buyern Munich, trying to win the European Cup for the fourth successive season, take only a 1—0 lead to Kiev, and the second most powerful West German survivors. Borussia München Gladbach, arein a worse position, Bruges having held them to a 2—2 draw in Germany. Tonight the English forward. Davies, formerly of Derby County, could help Bruges to one of the last four places and pertups on to a match against Liverpool.

Bekian clubs are also well

Liverpool.

Belgian clubs are also well placed in the Cup Winners' Cup and Uefa Cup. Anderlecht, the holders of the Cup Winners' trophy, hold a 2—0 lead as they meet Southampton at the Dell and Molenbeek are at home to their neighbours from across the horder, Feyenoord, with the comfort of baring drawn 0—0 in The Netherlands.

Southampton's manager, Lawrie

Netherlands.

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

Football

Fear gives **Bristol** a straw to clutch

By Gerald Richmond
Bristol City 2 Derby Co 2
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Bristol City showed admirable
resolution in holding Derby
County to a draw at Ashton Gate
last night. Two goals down at
half-time, Bristol fought back to
earn a point which gives them a
straw to clutch. Had they lost
to one of their companions in
distress, the damage to morale
would have been considerable; yet
both sides seemed to have the
quality and spirit to survive, however right the situation at the
foot of the table.

Derby were left disappointed,
feeling with some justification that
Fear had pulled the ball down
with a hand, before hirting in the
equalizing goal with five minutes
left. For Derby, on the brink
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Considering the conditions, the football was far better than could have been expected. Rain was driven by a stiff end-to-end wind and the amount which had fallen during the day made the pace of the ball hard to judge. It was, too, an awkward night for goalkeepers, as Shaw demohstrated early on when he strained to touch a corner from James against the bar, and let a cross-shot from Hector squeeze through his arms.

Bristol were always sceking to release their full-backs down the wings, and their long centres caused scrambling situation in the mucky goalmouth, although Todd's pace was usually enough to get him out of trouble. Derby, too, had been restricted to half chances before they came to life with two goals inside four mututes around the half-hour.

Collier headed out a corner from James, and Daly scored his first goal since his move from Manchester United with a devastating volley. If this was a stroke of sheer quality, Bristol could blame only themselves for the



Daly the devastator: His first goal since moving to Derby.

than outside the far post, but Bristol came right back into the game after 63 minutes when Sweeney cut inside James and hit a fine shot wide of Boulton.

Gilber, who had already mought down James, was centioned for a foul on Todd, who was himselt cautioned earlier for celiberately bendling. Boulton suffered a similar fate for time-casting, yet no dime was added on. Considering the importance of the game to both clubs, it was cleanly fought, with Derby, for an hour, reminding the crowd of their retent high cotate.

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Newcastle add rosier hue to drab record

By Tom German Newcastle United, fifth in the championship yet hardly likely to be a nuisance to those ahead of them, at least added a slightly rosier hue to a drab record away from home with a goalless encounter at Stoke last night. In a wet, raw and blustery setting they contained Stoke to a couple of serious threats in the opening half, mounted one or two of their own in the second when the wind was an ally, but took no chances at the back if there was the slightest clement of risk. After all, five clement of risk and the sample evening. At the end, there was only trustration for both sides, neither of whom was consistently collephened enough in attack to force a breach. There were players affeld who need the ball chrewdly, nevertheless, none more than young Johnson, plsying only his fourth match for Stoke; short Newcastle United, fifth in the

in stature, though not in percep-tion, he set a standard in judging just the right moment to dispatch a

how they claimed five goals on Saturday; they had no more to show at the halfway stage than a quick madge by Gowling which went high over the top. Graigs accurate left foot had guided their tactics in the first half; Cassidy took over more of that role in the second and there were a couple of atxious moments for Strike as Oates failed at, and missed completely, a tempting cross from Cassidy, and a couple of minutes later, as Gouling got of minutes later, as Gouling got a toe too far under Naturass's

But their best moment came just after the hour as a rare shot by Burns looked like counting until Shitton reached sideways to save spiendidly. The last chance on a night thin of scoring opportunities fell to Tudor. He was almost through to reach Bloor's forward lob when he slipped at the crucual moment, and the chance was hone.

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Window on a matchless view of the Aegean

From Norman de Mesquita Athens, March 15

As Queen's Park Rangers winged their way over Mont Blanc and the Matterborn this afternoon the main topic of conversation among the accompanying supporters was the alleged attempt to bribe the Danish referee before the first leg and the subsequent dedials and counter-accusations that have been widely publicized denials and counter-accusations that have been widely publicized during the past few days. Talk was of flak jackets and bullet-proof waistroats, but in the event the only sign of hostility on arrival at the airport here was one young man who waved his fist defiantly and made off.

The team had a police escort to their hotel, but there is nothing remarkable about that. Most visiting teams to Loftors Road are afforded similar protection even visiting teams to Lottus Road are afforded similar protection even for a Football League much. The Queen's Park Rangers, players seemed unconcerned and, as soon as the hotel came into view, the match itself was almost forgotten. The setting is superb, the hotel overlooking the Saronik Gulf and with water to be seen out of almost every window. As the for a Football League match. The Queen's Park Rangers, players seemed unconcerned and, as soon as the hotel came into view, the match itself was almost forgonen. The setting is superb, the hotel overlooking the Saronik Guif and with water to be seen out of almost every window. As the

Martin Dobson, one of the fow

players to escape Wembley nerves. which ruined Saturday's League

Cuo final, seems certain to miss

the replay at Hillsborough today.

The absence of his calming influence in midfield could be

Away from the special attention created by Wembley, Villa are expected to resume the exciting forward charge which has put them in sight of the three main prizes. Everton's best hope is to slow down the tempo. Without the class and confidence of Dobson, this looks a near impossible

Injured Little may play

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The County Division: Crowe v Dar-lington.

players left for their evening run the sun had set over the Aegaan and the lights of the village of touliagment gave the scene the appearance of the backdrop for some fairy-tale.

Tomorrow's game will not resemble a fairy-tale. As the amnosphere to the stadium will be a great test for his players.

The utmost self-discipline will be creatistically accepted to their team in true Greek fashion. It is essential that there is no repeat of the sort of reems that coursed in the second leg of the previous round in Cologne when an early goal caused Rangers to relax, mistakes were made and they qualified only on the away goals rule. Full list of today's fixtures

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Southampton's manager, Lawrie McMenemy, said yesterday that Channon, the England forward, had recovered from a hamstring injury but MacDougall was still being treated for a damaged thigh. Mr McMenemy said: "We are not out of this by a long way yet. We will be out to give Anderiecht the pounding of their life. An early gool woold put us right back in ht." He described Anderiecht as "the best European club side I have seen since the great days of Real Madrid." Anderiecht are expert at changing pace and have three of the most skilful players in European football, Rensenbrink, Haan and Yan der Elst, but in Brussels Channon was also impressive and the Belgian defenders were unable to master his powerful running from deep positions. This offers Southampron some hope in

play. Gidman. Cropley. Gray and Little all needed treatment after Wembley, but the only serious Villa doubt concerns Little, who has a swollen knee. His value in terms of confidence and finishing, however, is such that the manager, Ronald Saunders, will probably decide to gamble on his fitness. Saturday's sad affair may have reduced the national interest in the first League Cup final replay, but for Villa and Everton the big European incentive remains. First division

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Dobson has not trained since the final because of a bad injury to his hip joint. His teammates, Jones, knee injury, and McKenzie, cut, shin, are almost certain to

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Cricket



No rest for the wicketkeeper: Marsh's catch as he and Lillee forsake the laws of cricket for Australian Rules

England's batsmen must get their heads down

Melbourne, March 15

It had to happen. Melbourne is good ground for stroke makers a good ground for stroke makers and it was just a matter of time before the buttmen came out of hibernation. The third day of this Test match has been a joy to watch, it stretching the loyalty of this particular Englishman. This ground generates more cricket atmosphere than anywhere in the world, and in balmy sunshine the crowd revelled in it all.

world, and in balmy sunshine the crowd revelled in it all.

It would seem as if England are left with just too much to do. Four hundred runs in the last imings of a Test have been obtained before, of course, but not often. Bradman's side did it in 1948. Even if we cannot win, I shall be disappointed if we do not see some English batsmanship worthy of the occasion.

The wicket is now a good one, completely dry and looking a lighter hue, which bowlers have founce to dread here. Of course, billies's speed will extract some extra bounce, especially in the early overs. I hope Amiss returns to his rightful position, for it can prove the lift that England badly need. Even if our first binings' fallure might not suggest it, there is a depth of batting. Success breeds success and a confident start could make all the difference.

Unhappily for England, Walters, and a confident start could make all the difference.

the difference.

Unhappily for England, Walters, so unpredictable, looked hungry and chose this day to sparkle. He is a beautiful athlete and there is a touch of gentus in his late sharp stroke. Like Stadman, no side can afford no give him a second chaoce. Alas, we let him off late on the second day, a low but fairly comfortable guily chance to Willis, who was a little weary after bowling. English heads where seen to droop and the old 'uns in the pavilion had the feeling that we were 20ing to pay for that mistake. If Walters had been dismissed we could be chasing a target of 300 on a benign wicket. But that is cricket.

Marsh is a dangerous batsman

But that is cricket.

Marsh is a dangerous battman on big occasions and carried on where Walters had left off. This has been one of the best innings I have seen him play, pugnacious but controlled. For all that, the day belonged to the young Hookes in his first Test. In his brief first innings he showed sufficient class to suggest that he would be wearing an Australian cap for many years to come. cap for many years to come.

But none of us quite expected such authority and fluent range of stroke. Greig pulled out every cick in an attempt to umerile

looked to the manner born, as if he had been playing Test cricket for years. Predominantly a front-foot player, he leans into the bell rather like the South African, Pollock. If he lives to be a hundred he will never forget those few usinntes against Grelg.

Five times running he had the ball bouncing back of the pickets, with the crowd off their heads with excitement. He lofted the first over mid-off, not far short of six. The fourth boundary took him to his first Test 50. He might have taken a breather to slow down the heartbeat; instead, he stroked the fifth on the up wide of cover point's left hand, the loveliest stroke of the day.

He has had a golden summer

He has had a golden summer and has set himself a high standard. I have some sympathy for him as he prepares to come to England in April with even more of a reputation than the young Bradman in 1920.

The evening hour was

Bradman in 1920.

The evening hour was memorable for the unexpected appearance of McCosker, his head strathed in bandages. There was a roar from the crowd as he entered the arena resembling a prize fighter under the arc light wending his way to the ring. Throughout the day he had been prepared to bar and had insisted on doing so, expecting no favours from the English bowlers. It was a brave gesture much enjoyed by Eddie Paynter, who had stirred all hearts 40 years ago upon being brought to the ground from his hospital bed to save the side.

Greig's side owed their victory

Greig's side owed their victory in India to resolution and application. Lillee spart, there is no reason why they cannot close ranks and buckle down again. Lillee is a great fighter, but he is not going to relish howling on this wicket if we show any great resistance. In view of the major series ahead in England, it is extremely important that Greig should impress upon each one of our battmen the need for a responsible attacking approach. To go down here without a genuine fight would cast something of a blight over our summer prospects.

The Australian selectors are not Greig's side owed their victory

The Australian selectors are not without difficulties themselves over finding the right permutation of battmen. It would be satisfying to leave Melbourne on a high note in the knowledge that Underwood can be a match winner on our wickets at home. Australia's young battmen have seen enough here to develop a healthy regard for him and to realize what a proposition he could be if there should be help in the wickets. him. Once or twice early on he appeared to be taken by surprise, somewhat leaden-footed as the ball scurried through shoulder high.

These stight blemishes apart, he should be near in the waters.

As we look ahead, I feel that we may have to build our side and our hopes of regaining the Ashes scurried through shoulder high.

But first our battmen have to get their heads down.

Greig warns against panic

Melbourne, March 15. — has been covered.—Reuter. England's captain, Greig, hit out Georgetown, March 15 England's captain, Greig, hit out today at suggestions that Australia had wrapped up the centenary Test match with two days still to play. Greig did admit that Australia, leading by more than 400 runs and with two second-linnings wickets left, had a better than even chance of taking the march. But he added: "We've by no means written it off yet. This Test has swung back and forth and maybe it will go our way again." The England captain said there were no plans for drastic measures to regain the initiative, like changing the batting line-up, and the main thing for his battmen was not to panic

Australia resume tomorrow—today was a rest day—at 387 for

today was a rest day—at 387 for eight after scoring 138 in the first imings, to which England replied with 95. Marsh is on 95 trying to become the first Australian wicketkeeper to score a century against England, and the other not out batsman is McCosker on 17. McCosker batted for nearly at hour yesterday with bandages and a splint covering most of his face to bold together a law broken while batting in the

If the England bowlers do not If the England bowiers do not quickly break through, the Australian captain, Chappell, is expected to declare shortly before lunch and give his fast bowiers, especially Lillee, two chances at the English batamen with the new ball. The England side were denied a net practice today because of rain, which continued for most of the day. The rain was not expected to affect the wicket, which

has been covered.—Reuter.

Georgetown, March 15.—Two centuries, made in contrasting styles by Clive Lloyd and Leonard Baichan, helped Gnyans to a draw yesterday in their four-day match against the touring Paldistan team, in spite of some more magnificent fast bowling by Sarfrax Nawaz. Guyana, faced with a seemingly impossible task of scoring 497 for victory, seemed in trouble when the fifth wicket fell at 196 in mid afternoon.

Sarfraz had taken four of the wickets to add to his eight in the first innings and Baichan and Lloyd were the last of the home team's recognized betsmen. However, they defied the Paldstand attack on a good pitch with a partnership of 152 in two bours and 20 minutes before Sarfraz, using the second new ball, dismissed Baichan and Shirmatine.

This forced Roy Fredericks back into the fray. He had been hit on the head by a ball from Sarfraz late on Monday afternoon and retired hart. He and Baichan carried the score to 196

SCORES: Pattannin; 203 and 425 for 5 dec; Guyans: 251 and 415 for Presse.

Kent prices up . Cricket will probably cost more to watch in Rent this summer, Members will be asked to approve increases in subscriptions of more than 50 per cent at next month's annual meeting. Law year, Kent made a profit of £5,148, due almost entirely to an income of £47,000 from the Test and County Cricket Board.

Pre-Wimbledon event revived by new sponsor

Tennis

Sponsorship worth £100,000 has enabled the pre-Wimbledon tennis tournament at Queen's Club to be revived after a four-year absence. Rawlings, the soft drinks company, will sponsor a new men's Grand Prix event at the London Club from June 13-13, carrying prize money totalling £50,000.

Queen's club lost their old tournament—the London grass court championships—when the John Player tournament at Nottingham became a Grand Prix event. The Nottingham dats has been moved to one week teatler. Yesterday's announcement came as a great boost to the British Laten Tennis Association with the new outdoor school only fires weeks away.

Boxing

Hope's attack earns him a draw but nothing more

West Berlin, March 15.—West Germany's Eckhard Dagge maight retained his World Boxing Council light-middleweight title when the fought a draw over 15 rounds with the British challenger, Maurice Hope.

Hope, of West Indian birth but 15 years resident in Bribain was the smaller of the two by four inches. He put in some flerce left-hand punches in the first round, which was marked by some holding as the two boxers sized each other up.

In the second round Hope con-In the seventh, eighth and ni-rounds Hope landed plenty rounders, but he did not he Dagge. The German's blows w. far more effective. The 1 opened quietly and the first r-punch came after 60 seconds wi Dagge sent Hope realing with right to the body. The Bri-was in trouble with another ri-to the stomach and looked tire other up.

In the second round Hope continued to come forward but was rocked back by two strong right hands to the head by Dagge. A small but noisy section of British supporters helped their man back into the contest with shouts of "Hope, Hope," in the faird round Hope continued to hurt the German. Dagge countered with both hands, but Hope seemed to have the better of the early exchanges.

In the fourth round Hope, who has won is of his last if contests within the distance, kept up the pressure, swinging in a series of sharp left hands to Dagge's head. But halfway through the round the German hit back with two rights to the body and the head which checked the Englishman's advance.

The fifth followed the same pattern as Hope dominated the early shages but Dagge took over as the round went on. Dagge was playing a waiting game, taking his opportunities to attack sharply. Hope, constantly moving, had

Sollas suffers his most conclusive defeat

Alan Richardson, a 22-year-old colliery welder from the Yorkshire village of Fitzvilliam, battered Vernon Sollas into submission in eight rounds to win the British featherweight title at Leods Town Hall last night.

Sollas, such a brilliant prospect when he first came on to the acene and British champion before his 21st birthday, was treated more uncompromisingly than at any time in his tarter. Richardson wilked into him from the first bell and continued to do so for the rest of the bout. Sollas tried to box but was driven intexorably backwards by punches which came at him continuously from all angles.

There must have been times when he thought Richardson had eight arms. Against this sort of treatment, Sollas simply falled to show. He hit Richardson with two good right-hand punches in the secund. These contribudous apart Sollas scarcely made a positive move. Occasionally he found time to sting the challengar with short punches from close quarters but there was never a moment when he was allowed to stand back, take a deep breath and try to work something out. It is to an end after two minute try to work something out. It is condition in the round in the same and brought the collection of the round in the stand back, take a deep breath and try to work something out. It is conditioned.

Equestrianism

Columbus returns to the fray at Cirencester

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris that he will remain perfect. By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

The Queen's home-bred Columbus, on whom Captain Mark Politips won the Badminton three-day event in 1974, returns to the fray at the Amberley Horse Show in Circucester Park from March 25-27 for the first time state he pulled the Achilles tended out his hock at the penultimase cross-country fence, when in the lead for the world championship at Burghley that September.

Columbus, by the late Sir Winston Churchill's Colonist II out of Trim Ame, an Irish mere out of Trim Ame, an Irish mere Winston Churchill's Colonist II out of Trim Am, an Irish mare who was one of the Queen's favourine hacks, went to Newmarket for the first of two operations in 'November 1974. Last Sunday, on his first competitive appearance for 24 years, he won the open hunter trial at the Bicester meeting, and it is hoped that there is a very good chance

was realized that he was not got to make it, he was regged o and turned out a year ago. It came up from grass in Septembrand has been in work, and masined sound ever since. On nature and time have restors, him, for neither of two operation which attempted to who the list. which extempted to pin the lig-

Hockey

One to send them packing

Berkshire 6 New Zealanders 1
This was the last much in Regland for the New Zealand women's team. They have certainly had a fine tour. They beat England i—0 at Wembley Stadium and in 13 other matches they won seven, drew four and, rather surprisingly, lost to North and Middands. They will be remembered for their concentration and securacy and their set pieces at corners. They arrived full of hope, and are surely leaving full of satisfaction.

Yesterday at Home Park, Windson, Judith Phillips scored a fine goal in the first half before the rain came pouring down. Berkshire put up a spirited performance and had several shots at goal. Their left wing, Mrs Cross, formance and had several shots at goal. Their left wing, Mrs Cross, can never have played better. She received the ball with the greatest concentration, made ground and gave many good centres and Pauline Gibbon, In goal, did well to save a number of New Zealand shots. But Berk-

shire could not really compar, with the New Zealanders' skill an stickwork though the game we open and exciting throughout. The New Zealanders' captain, centre half Patricia Barwick, nearl. scored towards the end of match.

BENTANTEN: P. Chibon (capt): S. Kon.

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The team representing the Hockey Association against Loud on University at Motspur Pari today (2.36) is the same as the one that defeated the University Arhieste Union 3—2 on Februari 23. It is:

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Table tennis

Barden back in favour but Neale fades out

Andrew Barden sets our to succeed in the Commonwealth to suc-ceed in the Commonwealth table teams championships in Guernsey today and sp insuity the faith shown by the selectors in his ability. Bardear's hopes of comper-ing for England in Guernsey, and in the world championships in Birmingham, looked in jeopardy in the first half of the winter. ligaments in his bathing hand and was out of the game for three months. He slipped down the ranking list but showed his form in reaching the semi-final round of the English championships and the final of the Cleveland nournament. new outdoor school only fires weeks away.

They have lost two Grand Printerests this year—the British hard count championsings, sponsored by Goca-Cola at Bournemouth and the Dewer Cup at the Royal Albert Hall.

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For two women life begins in spite of 40

The first round lead in the Avia women's foursomes at Berkshire, near Ascot, went yesterday to a chance Anglo-Scottish pairing, Mary Everard and Ina Walker, with a 74. To lead the field with a 40 home is not exactly exhibarating, even though these nine holes on the Blue Course are probably the toughest nine of the club's 36. But a 34, two under par, going out makes a fine start, not only to the day, but to the tournament and, competitively speaking, to the season.

Miss Everard has almost dropped out of sight from golf in the past year or two, and beither she por her partner, a Scorish international, have been giving the international, have been giving the game much thought through the winter. Miss Walker, who plays off one at Troon, is strong enough in the shoulders and arms to prefer men's clubs, but she also made some useful thrusts yesterday off one at Troon, is strong enough in the shoulders and arms to prefer men's clubs, but she also made some useful thrusts yesterday with the putter.

In a blustery wind which later Sander and Belle Robertson, They turned to a gale there were fives and at least one six at the opening half, coming back in 36, the best hole, but, the leaders got away of the day. Miss Trew, who will

The leaders will be hard-pressed today by strong pairs in close pursuit. There never was a tournament in which the cream comes to the top more quickly. That makes all the more creditable the

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to a good start; then a six-iron as well as played golf at interact things. Her partner holed for a two, and two more birdies in the next three shorts fourth started things. Her partner holed for a two, and two more birdies in the next three shorts fourner holes. Miss Walker holing from 10ft at the seventh, gave their chance. They dropped out strokes coming in, but got one back at the sixteenth where birdie at the eighteenth. The only short they dropped coming in was in missing the fourteenth weather, bur cleaning and placing out of sight from golf in the past.

The leaders will be hard-pressed day.

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L. Briggs (Royal Liverpool) and Miss

D. Harrie 'Walton Heath'

80.—Miss M. Burion (Camberley

Heath) and Miss E. Cotvin (War-

Rowing

Oxford's production of 'Carry on Coxing' By Jim Railton

By Jim Railton

In the most suicidal nautical contest I have witnessed, Oxford University and their opponents, the Tideway scallers, both sank on the Tideway Scallers, both sank on the Tideway Scallers were from Hammersmith Bridge to Putney, the Tideway Scallers were the first to go under and within a minute the Oxford crew, strambing for shelter of the bank, sank a few strokes from the shore.

Formnately, in spite of being fled into their boats by their shoes, no tragedies occurred and the "water lemmings"—partly, I suspect, from nervous reaction—treated an irresponsible exercise as a luge joke. It was to have been Oxford's last competition before next Saturday's Boat Race. They went out yesterday evening with the clear intention of beating the Tideway Scallers, from whom Cambridge extracted 2) lengths in a seven minute row last Saturday, by a large margin.

From Hammersmith Bridge onby a large margin. by a large margin.

From Hammersmith Bridge onwards, the water was ideal for a
fair competition, but Oxford were
intent from the start on rowing

to Putney. The strong wind against the wanting ebb between Hammershaith Bridge and Putney was a sea of white rollers and the clearest red alert for sinking conditions imaginable. The contest was a farce of white spray from the ouser and should have been stopped within the first minute—if ever started.

The Scullers, after two minutes and showing the first signs of the propagations. But somehow there seems to be an unhealthy atmosphere of what could be described as a "death with "surrounding the preparations. if ever started.

The Scullers, after two minutes and showing the first signs of sinking, were a few feet ahead. Oxford, who were also sinking, cleared them by the fourth minute. What followed was like an Ealing concedy with the crew on the captain's bridge standing to attention to the National Anthem while the waves washed over their heads.

In spite of a high of black over their heads.

In spite of a hist of black comedy, it is bardly the right preparation by Oxford for next Saturday's race unless a strong northwest wind on the day dictates abandon ship. Fortunately, there was also no apparent danger to the expensive equipment. Topolski, the Oxford coach, must be held responsible for the exercise.

Meanwhile, Cambridge are mak-

De Geschiner as a seculi reases Suffounding the preparations.

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Counsel Cottage (left) takes the last burdle just ahead of Master Smudge (centre) and The Dealer in the Sun Alliance Hurdle. They finished in that order.

next obstacle. Eventually the dual champion hurdler got to his feet and was taken back to the stables in a horse box. After a veterinary stamination. Fred Winter said:

"Bula has torn a muscle in the shoulder of his off fore. He has had a pain killing injection and will travel back to Lambourn tonight."

Buia was not the only disappointment for Winter. In the first race of the afternoon, the Sun Allkance Novices Hurdle, his seven-year-old, The Dealer, who was regarded as one of the hankers of the meet-

ing, looked all over a winner at the second hurdle from home. But in the soft ground his stamina give out on the final hill. The 11-4 favourite could only finish aird to Counsel Cottage, who rew first blood for Ireland. Handled with admirable coolness by his 21-year-old jockey, Sean Treacy, Counsel Counge hung Treacy. Counsel Cottage hung badly to the right after jumping the last, but galloped on resolutely to win by three lengths. This victory gave Paddy Mallins his second triumph at the festival, Herring Guil having won the Su.

4.15 LLOYDS BANK HURDLE (£7,154: 3m)

4.50 FOXHUNTER STEEPLECHASE (£1,826: 4m)

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Sebastian V (D) (R. Jeffreys), C. Bell, 9-10-9, Totor's East (Mrs. H. Banks), M. Banks, 9-10-8 Sips (G. Laud), G. Versette, 8-10-2, Glurchtown Soy (D) (B. Arnold), M. Saksman,

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.30 French Hollow. 3.5 Julian Swift. 3.40 BIRDS NEST is specially recommended. 4.15 Comedy of Errors. 4.50 Romany Biscuit. 5.25

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.30 Sabroso. 3.5 Julian Swift. 4.15 Swift Shadow. 5.25 Even Dawn.

Alliance Steepiechase in 1968. Mullin's most important triumph in England, however, was when Hurry Harriet took the 1973 Champion Stakes.

The north of England had swift compensation for The Froddler's defeat when Gay Spartan gained a pillar-to-post victory in the Sun Alliance Steepiechase. This was a praye effort by both horse and brave effort by both horse and jockey. Michael Dickinson, riding with the broken fourth finger of his left hand strapped to his little

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4.15 (4.25) SUN ALLIANCE STEEPLECHARE (£7,986; 3m; Gay Sparten, b g. by Sparten General—Copper Late (M. Arm-strong). 6-11-4 M. Dickinson (13-2) Billycan ... M. Morris (4-1 fav) The Last Light, .J. J. O'Neill (7-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 11-1 Don't Hasitate House, 12-1 Archite Holls, 15-1 King Neptune (pt. Never Rock (4th. New Formula Aldanii, 20-1 Arionstown Rock, 65-1 Everythine, 32-1 Estron Cake, 50-1 Sangarit (i), 15 pm. TOTE: Win. 549; Discas. 199. 159. 220. A. Dicknson. at Gisburn. 41. 61. Orito. Posh Sares and Solus Head aid not run.

4,50 (5.0) NATIONAL HUNT STEEPLECHASE (£3,44): 4m; Alpine (H. Thomson: 10-12-4 Mr C. Sanaders (14-1) Kinge or Notter Mr P. Brookshaw (33-1) 2 Dark Spectre. Mr J. Fowler (7-1) 3 Dark Spectre. Mr J. Fowler (**1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-8 Mount Prague (*),
8-1 French Canadian (*), 10-1 Le
Broc (*) 1-1 Glasgow Express (*) 11-1
2-1 Parvinage Targ's Festival (*),
10-1 Hawkeys (*), Mena Lodge (*),
2-1 Hawkeys (*), Mena Lodge (*),
Guide (*), Why Go (*), Charming
Scot (*), Indian Scholar (*), Jiam'y
Allan, Tesib Lad (rof), Wallayes, 21
Part. TOTE: Win, £1.17; places, 33p.
41 21p. S. Mellor, at Lambourn.
11 al. Just Musk. Ophucheus and navogue did not run.

Cashah G. Thorner (5-1) 2 Dulwich ... B. R. Davies (4-1) 3

Sky Tudor, br g, by Sky Giosp-Annuty (H. Buros: 7-9-7 N. Salmer (11-1) 2 Annalty (H. Burns: 1-9-7

Trim Lawns, Mr. H. Johnson (7-2 fay) 2

Seaton Sands - P. Salmon (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Go Go Gunner.

Kath's Bounty, 8-1 Whickers World

Alth's Hounty, 8-1 Whickers World

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Acklam (1-1) Remoth p. Mickey

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Acklam (1-1) Remoth Bowman (1-2)

Boo's Brint Too Small, 33-1

Vigorous Deal Coin Case, Wilsek,

Kensal Rise, Meas Lame, 18 ran,

TOTE: Wh. £1.20; places, 20p, 15p,

19p, 14p, H. Burns, Lämburgh, 4,

1-1, Fleuron did not run. (2.47) NORTON HURDLE ndicap: 2940: 2m; Grechan Fighter. G. Show (10-1) 1
Fighting King ... N. Baimer ... 1-1 2
Fighting King ... N. Baimer ... 1-1 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 far Daves Equal ... 4411, 6-1 Mucaine. ... 1 Just Sprier. 14-1 Paint Job. Millam the Mod. Part One. Partra Prince. 16-1 Dubello ... 10-1 Horn Head. 33-1 ingham, Comme Prince, Thier Lane. 15 ran.
TOTS. Wim. El. 62: miscres. 656. TOTE: Wim. £1.52; places, 65p, 23p, 21p. A. Bacon, Reford, 21, 1. 5.15 (3.18) DURHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,242: 3'am; (Handissp: £1.2.2: 3',m)

Levelled Out to 9. by Even
Money Sell Out R. Webb,
1-10. D. D. Gonidm; (19-2: 7

More Wayward, D. Atkins (2-1 fav. 2)

Ormande Tuder, J. Mocney (16-1) 3

ALSO HAN: 6-1 Parered 'Jth',
1-2 Spartle Again, 6-1 Contars 12-1

Omao, 16-1 Eofflers Neck, 25-1

Conars (10) Invarra, The Tucku,
Piddy's Best, John B. 15 mm.

TOTE: Win Merc places 17-5 ten

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Cheltenham selections

TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 16p, 23p.
13p; dual forecast, £1.11. K. Oliter,
at Hawick, 4i, 2*al. Skrype, Roaring
Wind, Santon, Brig and Conon Coon
ald not run,
TOTE DOUBLE: Outboint and Algenslock, £60.20. TREBLE: Skymas, £5;
Sparian and Tom Morgan, £31.13.
JACKPOT: Not won, Computies fividend, £10.70 (first four 18gs);

2.15 (2.17) STANHOPE HURDLE (Handicap: \$272: 2m;

Sedgefield

Paska. 8 tem.
TOTE: Win. 57p: places. 26p. 26p. 26p. 1.05; dual forcast. 1.139. 8p. Vilkinson. at Middleham. 201. 121. 4.15 (4.19) CASTLE EDEN STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: 2-175: 2m; Rossborough — Rossma II (D. Woodward). 5-11-11. R. F. Davies (2-1) Gränsky Town. A. Dickman (3-1) 2 Meivers 2.1. D. Akkins (5-1) 2 ALSO RAN: 7-2 isv Thiriestanc (f. 4.15). 8-1 Cakulatv. 13-2 Sing My Heart (4.15). 8-1 Coloraine. 16-1 Hopeful (11) Pask Master; 20-1 Jewell (11) Pa TOTE: Win, El.30; places, 25p. 14p. 19p. R. E. Peacock, at Tarporter, St. 4.45 (4.49) GROVE HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: E272: 2m)

Angel Clare b 6, by Conander—
One-Only (6, Harrley), 6-10-3

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4-condit (10-1), 10-1

ALSO RAN: 8-15 fav Migelline (46), 10-1

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Royal Floorer, Talachibo, Hert
Shot, 20-1 New Town Lady of Eleshace, Manning, Salah, Sovereign
Charys (f), 12 ran.

TOTE: Who, 480; phore, 190, 12b, 269, A. Dickinson, at Cisburn, 5, hd. 3.15 (5.16) GROVE HURDLE (Dtv II: Novices: \$272: 2m) Novices: \$372: 2m.)
Soper Charl, br 9, by Super SamChanires (W. A. Stenhenson),
7-30-7. R. Collins 11.8 fat: 1
Village Desdy . R. Lamb (11-2), 2
Simprim Lady . M. Bernes (9-1), 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Red Well (9: 8-1
Willybor, 11-1 Super Prince (4th),
12-1 Calindesson, 16-1 Droitem, 20-1
Gayetin, Fiss Illusion, Sally Fate, 11
ran. ran.

TOTE: Wh. 43p; places. 15p, 27p, 15p, %; A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auction, 15l, 8l one Fayer did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Levelled Out. Ross-barough, 25t, 75, TREBLE: Romany
Star, Salway. Ampel Clare. 215.85.

3.48 (3.47) RORM SIMPSON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £796) 2m:

Subway, br s, by Sweet Ration—
Rose of the Wella (W. Lochey),
10-5 D. Arkins (7-1)
Suspender V, Percival (7-1)
Illinso Frad's ... A. Bowker (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 far Four Star (d., 5-2 Winter Chimes (Jih), 7-2 Sharn-seen (U), 20-1 Kilmore Boy, Setara Pasha, 8 ran.

François Mathet advocated can-

François Mathet advocated cau-tion yesterday in supporting the Aga Khan's Blushing Groom for the 2000 Guineas. The Chantilly trainer said: "In principal, Blushing Groom's racing career this year will be in France. It is 90 per cent certain that he will not run at Newmarket."

the Craven Stakes in which be finished third to Malinowsky and Oats and he never raced again as a three-year-old. He looks in tine strape and his trainer says that he will take him to France and that he "will win a group race, promise you". Price adds: "And

Rugby Union

Shell may benefit even if the Lions roar has less of a Welsh accent

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By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

off perch Since Gareth Edwards declared himself unavailable for the four of New Zealand this summer, the prospect of all four Lions balf-backs being Welsh has diminished. There is not much doubt that John Bevan, of Aberavon, will go as No 2 to Phil Bennett at stand-off balf. But although Brummer Racing Correspondent Unfortunately Andrew Turnell was concussed when King Neptune slipped up in the Sun Alliance Steeplechase yesterday and will not now be able to ride Birds Nest. Bob Turnell said that Steven Knight, who won the Fighting Fifth Hurdle on the horse earlier in the season would have as No 2 to Phil Bennett at Standoff half. But, although Brynmor
Williams and Alun Lewis rate as
the second and third scrum halves
in the Welsh national party, the
Lious selectors may feel chary
about sending two ancapped
players in so crucial a position
and on so tough and demanding
an expedition.

earlier in the season would have the mount and that leftrey King would take over on Beacon Light. The latter is very much the stable second string, incidentally, and courtary to certain rumours of late, Andrew Turnell had never considered switching from Birds Nest.

Birds Nest

Night Nurse

to knock

Birds Nest:

It was firm going underfoot a year ago when Night Nurse beat him to the line. On that occasion Night Nurse was blissfully at ease whereas Birds Nest was exactly the opposite when Andrew Turnell finally let him down. This time though there should be no excuses. After the monsoon that struck the course yesterday aftermoon the ground was very soft indeed and this time Birds Nest should be in his element.

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should be in his element.

Birds Nest has impressed me a great deal this season and with the conditions now in his favour I think that he ought to be capable of getting his revenge on Night Nurse. They have clashed three times so far and at present the score is two to one in favour of the title holder. By this evening it may well be two all. Night Nurse first beat Birds Nest on this day 12 months ago. But Birds Nest got his own back when he ran away from the champion in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle in November. When they clashed again at Kempton Park on Boxing Day there was much less between them as they chased Dramatist home.

Night Nurse has not run since

Night Nurse has not run since then, but Birds Nest has gone from strength to strength winning first at Sandown Park and then again at Wolverhampton, where he toyed with Comedy of Errors. Since then Comedy of Errors has finished second to Master Monday in Ireland and beaten the Imperial Com. Cup winner, Acquaint, very easily at Fourwell Park. It is hardly surprising that the connexions of Comedy of Errors have deemed that another race against the connexions of the control of

Birds Nest is next to pointless and opted instead for a crack at the Lloyds Bank Hurdle. Bob Turnell has always maintained that Birds Nest is a better horse than Salmon Spray, who won the Champion Hurdle for him in 1966 and his faith in Birds Nest was not exactly undernines.

at Wincanton last mouth when his stable companion, Beacon Light, ran Dramatist to a length in the Kingwell Hurdle.

Beacon Light was giving Dramatist 7 lb that day and looked the mouth beacons beacons. the more backward of the two In any circumstances that was In any circumstances that was a good performance, but he is very much the stable second string today and, contrary to certain rumours of late, I know that Turnell has never considered riding anything other than Birds Nest. Nor has the question of a switch to Beacon Light even switch to Beacon Light even

Those who watched Night Nurse work on the course at Doncaster after racing had finished 16 days ago were not enamoured with what they saw. The probability was that he was short of work was that be was short of work after his long lay-off. Yet in a way that is hard to stomach because Night Nurse was supposed to have been fit enough to travel to Ireland only 10 days earlier for the Brin Foods Hurdle had the ground not been too beary. Night Nurse is said to have worked well at home in the past 10 days but successive defeats in mid-winter suggest that he is no longer the invincible horse he seemed to be last season. In any case the conditions would appear to have gone against him almost overnight and in favour of his principal challenger.

Just as Turnell seems to have a smart second string in Beacon

smart second string in Beacon Light so does Peter Easterby have a second ace in Sea Pigeon. Sea Pigeon put up a masterly performance at Haydock in January when rigeon put up a masteriy performance at Haydock in January when he won a handicap by seven lengths carrying 12 st 2 lb. Only a good borse would have won the way he did that day, yet I cannot help thinking that he still lacks the steel that you normally associate with a champion, especially when the going is really testing. Yesterday's rain can be said to have

the going is really testing. Yesterday's rain can be said to have done his cause no good whatsoever, just as it undermined the faith in his stable companion, Night Nurse.

No less a Judge than Fulke Walwyn, who has already won the Champion Burdle with Amio and Kirriemuir, is of the opinion that his best chance of getting among the big money this week lies with Dramatist. Cheltenham with its stiff finish uphill will certainly suit Dramatist better than Wincanton. STATE OF COING (official): Chel-tenham: heavy. Tumorrow: Teesside Park: 900d to firm.

dition of membership. Because of the scarcity of land, Because of the scarrity of land, particularly in and around Tokyo, the property is now worth £100m. Periodical rumours that it was being sold for development have proved to be false "because our members so love the game".

Given the money involved, you would think, would you not, that the course would have all the plush trappings of Augusta,

Moritz

New light powder

gifted London Welshman, who would react well to the disciplines exerted on tour. I refer only to his occasional indiscretions on the field which are born sometimes, though not always, of an imagina-tive vision of the game.

If John P. R. Williams is our of the running, the two Lions full backs should be Andy Irvine

full backs should be Andy Irvine of Scotland, and Alastair Hignell of England. They know a good full back when they see one in Cardiff, and Hignell, by his flaw-lessly exciting first half performance against Wales, seems at last to have convinced the doubters about his talent. He is having some difficulty with examination dates at Cambridge and one must hope that these can be resolved. The same, I believe, applies to Lewis. In the said absence of Gerald Davies, three of the wings should be John J. Williams (Wales), Peter Squires (England) and Elgan Rees, of Neath. Charles Kent, a powerful England centre, was a candidate for one of these positions but he is unavailable because of medical examinations at Oxford, and on so tough and demanding an expedition.

Such thinking could be to the advantage of Clive Shell, Bevan's half-back partner at Aberavon, who thought he had outplayed Edwards in the Welsh trial, and was not pleased, subsequently, to be left out of the Welsh party. It could also bring Douglas Morgan, the Scottish scrum half, strongly into the reckoning. He has a fine chame to press his claim when he plays against Wales at Murrayfield on Saturday.

From the national point of view, Shell has lived in Edwards's shadow much longer than Brynmor Williams. He won his only cap, a popular one, when replacing Edwards at the climax of the Australian international in Cardiff in 1973. Now 29, he remains an excellent technician and is, by a long way, the most experienced of the three Welch camilidates.

medical examinations at Oxford. It could mean a chance for the big Scot, Bill Gammell (6 ft 3 in, 13) stones), who is another with a chance of thing the scales his way on Saturday. way on Saturday.

Mike Gibson and Steve Fenwick are certain starters in the middle, where three Welshmen-Ray

where three Welshmen—Ray Gravell, David Burcher and Rov Bergiers—and two Scots—Ian Mc-Geechan and Jim Renwick—are contesting the remaining two places. McGeechan, who is switched back to stand-off for the Welsh game, should have a strong claim because John Dawes wants centres who can move the ball

shrewdly.

Such a policy must also enhance the prospects of Burcher. Bur Gravell, with his potent capacity for riding the tackle, would add a different dimension. Renwick's dash and speed have been much in evidence lately and I am told that Bergiers has recaptured his best form for Llanelli.

Clive Williams, the new Welsh prop who gave the formidable Fran Cotton a taxing afternoon in Cardiff, must now be contesting one of the Joose-head places he has much in his favour when the going gets tough. He is also an effective goal-kicker, although the Lions have such potential in this area (with Bennert, Irvine, Fenwick and Martin) that this may not carry great weight.

If the Lions selectors plump for Shell or Morgan, it could be bad news for Lewis, a strong and

could be one of only three or four Irishmen in the party.
Cotton, the England tight head. seems likely to be switched to loose head for the Lions, which would enable a sturdy English scrummager, Michael Burton, to go with Graham Price, of Wales, on the other side. Bobby Wind-sor (Wales) and Peter Wheeler

(England) remain front runners es hooker. as nooker.

Gordon Brown, surprisingly not restored to the Scottish XV on Saturday, must go at lock, with two No 4 jumpers, Nigel Horton (England) and Alan Martin (Wales). But if Roger Undey, the England captain, is the fourth hock. I do not see how both he lock. I do not see how both he and Brown can play there in the same international side. It would and Brown can play there in the same international side. It would mean no place for either Geoffrey Wheel (Wales), Moss Keane (Ireland) or Bill Beaumont (England). It would be better, surely, to choose Uttley as a willity forward, capable of playing in one of three positions, with the blind side flank his likeliest target on the big occasions (as it was in South Africa in 1974). Derek Quinnell (Wales) must go as another utllity player, though he may be selected primarily as a No 8 with Willie Duggan, of Ireland.

The selectors still have much hard thinking to do about the flank positions. With Fergus Slattery reportedly unavailable, Trevot Evans and Terry Cobner (Wales). Mike Rafter and Tony Neary (England) and Mike Biggar (Scotland) are the leading aspirants. The last two internationals on Saturday must harden final opinions. There seem to be only two serious candidates for the Lions captaincy—Bennett and Uttley—and official opinion has been swinging behind the leader of Wales. Utiley—and official opinion has been swinging behind the leader of Wales.

Tokyo, March 15.—The Oxford University rugby team arrived here today for a series of four matches with local teams, including All-Japan. The party of 2× 1s the second Oxford team to visit japan since 1952. Their match against All-Japan is scheduled for March 27 at the national stadium.—Agence-France Presse.

Lavery out of action Paco fit for France

Pat Lavery, Richmond's standoff half, damaged a shoulder in a game on Sunday and is expected to be out of action for the rest of the season.

Where green fees are 60p but first requisite is a share—value £70,000

Béziers, March 15.-Alain Paco the French hooker, will be fit for France's rugby union international

against Ireland in Dublin on Satur-

Japanese at home on the range

By John Hennessy

It is siways agreeable to explode myth and my eyes lit up in apan recently when I was shown bill by Jiro Iriye, the managing director of the Koganci Country Club. It revealed a green fee of 300 yen, about 60p, here in the land of supposed souring golf costs and here in the most exclusive golf club in the land. But what are these other figures,

the three Welsh candidates.

Morgan, who will win his sixteenth cap on Saturday, recaptured
the Scottish acrum half position
from Alan Lawson after the first
two internationals this season. In
the mast five years, they have

the past five years, they have alternated like yo-yos in the affec-tions of their national selectors. Morgan's service is not long but

he has much in his favour

Ralston still out

Charles Ralston, the Rosslyn Park stand-off who dislocated a shoulder last week, is again re-placed by Cambridge University's Jim Thornton when Park meet London Irish

I asked. There was another 1,400 yen for "welfare", ie, social security of the staff, another 1,500 yen for " tax", ie, an amusement tax because the Government regard golf as on a level with pinball machines and not a sport-ing activity. The total for a rather more than £6. Membership, I learnt, was a modest £60 a year. Then another bill was produced. It claimed the same supplementary 2,900 yen, but the green fee, this time for a guest, was 15,000 yen (about £30). The total for the guest, therefore was 17,900 yen or nearly £36.

or nearly £36.

Even so, this bore no relationship to the astronomical figures we had read about in Europe. Astronomy lay in wait. The myth disappeared, exploded not by rebuttal but by stark realism, because in order to become one of the \$00 members of the Koganei Country Club one has first to acquire a share in the controlling Koganei Golf Company Limited and the shares (face value \$50 yen, or £1) are now changing hands, on the rare occasions that

hands, on the rare occasions that they change hands at all, at 35m yea, or about 570,000. This represents a capital appreciation of nearly 2,000 per cent since the course was opened in 1937. Course was opened in 1937.

Nor is that all. The transfer of a share has to be approved, in practice arranged, by the 22 members of the screening committee. I would not give a price for any houveau riche washing-machine tycoon finding a welcome on the mat. It is customary when a man dies (there are, it need hardly be said, no women mema man dies (there are, it need hardly be said, no women members) to offer his share to his son, otherwise the screeners cast around for somebody socially acceptable. If he happens also to be a useful golfer, so much the better. From what I saw on the course it is an unimportant condition of membership.

Georgia. Rather, it reminded me of Richmond Park, Surrey, with its absence of heather, whin and burn or say other form of rough and its strategically unobtrusive bunkers. The comparison is valid, for just as the main purpose of a public course is to let the hackers get round before nightfall, so does Koganei need some saleguard against delay, with six-minute starting intervals, strictly adhered to, on both the first hole and the tenth. A four-ball round takes about four hours.

The club house is surprisingly spartan with a dining room in which beef curry and rice at 200 yen (about 40p) was not out of place. Collars and thes are both to the street was the role.

place. Collars and ties are no longer worn. This was the rule before the war, but the course was commandeered for 10 years by the United States military and formal dress went by the board. Only one club in Japan enforces strict dress etiquette, the Hodosaya Commry Club, Yokobama.

The standard of golf varied encympushy There was more than The standard of golf variety enormously. There was more than one four-ball who might have been taking part in the Hackers Anonymous Spring Meeting. At the other extreme was a solidly built young man who creamed one a large arms down the middle of the

long way down the middle of the first fairway. He turned out to be Yoshihiro Matsul, the president of the Daiwa Golf manufacturing firm, who have a growing business link with the United Singdom in peculation with Ben Kingdom in association with Ben Sayers. Mr Matsui stands at the lower end of the age scale of membership, which is 35. At the other end was a man of nearly 90, bravely labouring over the road bridge that divides the course into two halves of nine holes each.
The club employs 80 caddles,

all but six of them women, most of them encumbered by what tooks like a pinned-up tablecloth on the head, but some of the younger caddies, as well as the men of course, are starting to wear conventional caps. The use of caddies is computered and if the of caddies is compulsory and if the number of players too far exceeds the number of caddies, one woman can haul a trolley with four bags for about 12 a head.

Given that many of the members to care nowing of their bers, to say nothing of their guests, are handler with an abacus than a driver, caddying can be a

strengors chore in Japan. And a hazardous one, which provoked the local authority into suggesting the wearing of trash helmets, but this was resisted.
"Fore", then, looms large in their English vocabulary, as do shot (occasionally), pitch, putt. wedge, divot and rest of the English golf terms. I gleaned no evidence that, according to the story going the rounds a year or two ago, they have unwittingly

played the course, the second time in the company of Mr Tanaka. a former prime minister. Nicklaus former prime minister. Nicklaus finished one under the par of 72, Mr Tanaka 24 above. Bur Mr Tanaka was still playing to a handicap, for in Japan the maximum is 36 for men and women. The nearest equivalent to Nicklaus on the day of my visit was Kashio Kuribara, a Koganei professional and a former language. (Opt.) and a former Japanese Open champion. He was wedging them in on the practice ground with "impact shots" from 80 metres. The course was designed by Walter Hagen. Kiyoshi Koshimizu, who had appressorational has been appressed to the best property of the should be been property of the best property of the the head professional, has been at Koganel for all those 40 years and looks good for 40 more. and looks good for 40 more.

There are 1,000 courses in Japan, all but 70 of them privately owned. The nearest public course to Tokyo is at Yomiuri, 40 miles away where bookings have to be made months ahead. Two million people play golf in Japan. Given the difficulty of gerning on a course, most, I raper, will nave a course, most. I tancy, will have to settle for the make-believe of

to settle for the make-believe of the driving range.
On the way back from Koganei, on Tokyo's outsidits, to the city centre I saw six ranges, three of them within a five-iron of each other, well at least a five-iron from Mr Nicklaus. Many off the main roads, one a monster four-tier affair. They are all tightly enclosed and require steel mean boundaries soaring 50 metres into the air. Put a cover on top and a flight of eagles would not feel flight of eagles would not fee

unduly constricted.

The boom in golf has been touched off by its standing in the business world. Companies now take groups of executives to Koganei and other courses, there no doubt to miniaturing technical equipment as well as their handi-caps: since (so I am told) Japan is basically a middle-class society, with fewer rich and fewer pour with fewer rich and fewer pour than most others, there is a yea, so to speak, to get on the bandwagon. Golf has become a "sub" game, offering a short cut to the top and demanding impeccable dress and expensive equipment in order to feel at home on the cargo. Beyond that

equipment in order to feel at home on the range. Beyond that it has become fashionable and there are no people (so, again. I am told! like the Japanese for following the fashion, whether it is golf, baseball or pinball. It will be readily understood, then, that the health of Japanese golf is related to the economy of the country and as a result of the depression (it was a revelation to discover that the Japanese, too, have their problems) the peak of the boom was reached in 1973, since when it has stood still, nor, I think, for long.

And now before your very eyes Ryan Price will proceed to turn a scrag end into a racehorse

TOTE: Win. 199: places, 179, 15p, 17p, G. Richards, Cresticke, 2'sl, 20.

The wizard of Findon casts his spell on all

When Brian Taylor received the trace jockey's award at the main Derby awards luncheon in moon last December he cold that ndon last December he said that nan in his profession had three blions—to win the Derby, to the a hundred winners in a seaand to become the champion key. Taylor has already seen

To of those dreams come true,
was in 1974 that he won the
by on Snow Knight and last ir he rode 100 winners for the ied the season with 108 to his ne which was 38 more than his wious best total.
Suring his amusing speech Taysaid that his bumper harvest
s entirely due to his
no "Ryan Price, for whom
started to ride only at the simple of the season. He went to pay Price a warm and served tribute. This year Taylor

I again be riding for Price—or : wizard of Findon as he is ectionately known—and there ist be a very good chance that y will enjoy another memor-

"If there are not a hundred winners there I'll eat my hat". Price declared as we left his yard Price declared as we lert ms yarm recently, having just visited every box during the evening round of stables. The mere one gets to know Price the more one is certain that he is not simply just one of the great professionals in the sport but also one of the great characters, too. Seeing him at characters, too. Seeing him at work at home among his horses and his staff I got the feeling that there was a great rapport between horse and human and I got the feeling, too, that Price got the feeling. too, that Fires will do anything in his power for his stable lads and lasses and vice versa. It was a great atmosphere. Being with Price when he is among his horses is an unforgettable experience. The time spent going around the stables or watching the horses out ar exercise is punctuated with at exercise is punctuated with counties amusing remarks many repeatable, many bot "This colt was a scrag end when I got min," he might be heard to remark, "but look at him now. I tell you, he's a racehorse!"

And so the commentary goes on, liberally peppered with some more of his favourite phrases like "bought for a row of buttons"; "charming horse ": "sweet filly". Not for a second does anything escape his eye. Every bit as quick to praise with a remark like "Well done, he looks a credit to you" as he is to find fault and scold. Price is the professional horse master with an age fessional horse master with an age of experience behind him. With few exceptions his horses. and there are more than a hundred now, look wonderfully hard and bright. This winter they have not missed a day's exercise, not even during the worst weather. Price believes in getting his horses Price believes in getting his horses out every day no matter how cold or how wet it is and unlike others he has not got a covered ride to help him. The local council refused him permission to build cone. "I don't believe in letting horses get too hig. Bags of ground work, that's what they do here and they're as hard as nails," he chunders.

It is with understandable pelde that Price talks of Findon, where he has lived for the past 31 years, and of the 400 acres of gallops that he has gradually amassed during those years. And there is pride, too, in his voice when he talks about his horses. "The best-friends I have in the world," he will say pointing to a paddock where some of his old favourites where some of his old favourites which has trained. Last year which has the common feeling in which has the common feeling in which has of yesteryear are turned out and enjoying the twilight of their lives.
Since he began concentrating on Gar racing instead of jumping Price has won the Oaks with Ginevra and the Sr Leger with Bruni and he has also seen Bruni and he has also seen Ginevra, Giacomerti and Super Eoney all placed in classics. This year his hopes of getting into the classic money again would seem to rest with a short list comprising Atlantic Bridge, Gafrioch, Lucent Nice Balance, Rocket Symphony, Sea Raider and Tamanako. Some might be tempted to but Gairloch at the top of the list. After all he was unbeaten as a two-year-old and after J. O. Tobin he was the highest rated English.

promise you ". Price aids: "And Duke Ellington will be a good horse this year, never you worry", while Dutch Treat is "just the sort to win the Ebor for me again". Confident talk, you may say, but Price is a confident man and his confidence is not to be underestimated, built as it is on years of experience.

Michael Phillips

Latest European snow reports

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COPENHAGEN: World champion-ship (C. group). Italy 8, France 2. Great Entain o, Belgium 5.

Snooker

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Britain fighting for her life: 'We can no longer afford self-denigration'

The Prime Minister is confident that President Carter will give a positive lead to the West to areas where American leadership is necessary and machine processary and machine processa where American leadership is necessary and welcome. Mr lames Callaghan made this clear at the end of a lengthy report to the House on his recent visit to the United States and Canada. He was also confident that the American Administration's new ideas and initiatives, were tempered with realism.

Mr Callaghan said: The President has set in hand new initiatives on a number of different fronts and it was stimulating to observe a positive approach to some longstanding international problems and e willingness to take a new look at the lung term objectives and how they should be achieved. We had so difficulty in identifying the major problems facing the Western world, and we shared, to a very considerable degree, a common approach towards the way in which they should be tackled. The President spoke warmly of the special relationship between America and Britain, and it is my intention that the Government should work closely with his Admituistration.

We must also contribute to the we must also contribute to the maximum collaboration between the United States and the European Community, and President Carter made clear that he shares this purpose, and desires to see the strengthening of the Community. The President also attached great importance to full consultation and accordance for the America Mise. Importance to full consultation and cooperation with America's allies in the North Atlantic Alliance and I warmly welcomed this. During my talks with Prime Minister Trudeau, who has himself recently visited Washington, I was glad to learn that he agreed generally with this judgment.

In both Washington and Ottawa the emphasis of the discussions was on economic problems, including our aims and prospects for the Downing Street summit conference to be field in May.

We recognized that it would take a considerable time to reduce the present high levels of world naem-ployment and agreed on the high

priority we should give in this situation to the problem of unem-ployment among school leavers ployment among school leavers and among young people generally. We agreed that general protectionism could only serve to delay the world's emergence from the present economic recession.

I advanced the view that if the United States, as the largest trading nation, was unable to resist pressures for protectionism at home this would not only slow down progress in the negotiations, but would encourage others to follow.

but would encourage others to follow.

President Carter and I were agreed on the importance of adopting an understanding and constructive approach to the aspirations and needs of developing countries.

President Carter and I discussed at length the subject of human rights, on which, as the House knows, the President feels deeply and has expressed his views in a forthright manner. It was clear that President Carter had given very careful thought to his approach to this matter, and he welcomed the speech made recently by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

In the area of East-West relations we agreed on the importance of adopting a non-polemical approach to the Belgrade Conference and I was assured that the President is anxious to work closely with the Nine and with all their Nato partners with a view to a serious dialogue with the East at Belgrade. Europe need have no doubt that the new Administration shares a desire for improved detects between East and West, while maintaining adequate security.

while maintaining adequate security:

We discussed the problems of nuclear non-proliferation and arms control to which President Carter attaches high priority. Both of nusubscribe to the same objectives.

We also discussed the situation in various parts of the world in which we have a mutual interest in helping to create or maintain stability. On the future of Cyprus we welcomed the resumption of interwelcomed the resumption of inter-communal talks at the meeting which is to take place shortly in Vienna.

matter and I emphasized the importance of keeping closely in touch with each other over developments in this area.

In addition to the general talk I had with President Carter about southern Africa as a whole, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary had detailed talks on Rhodesia and Namibiz with Mr Vance. President Carter confirmed that

be is prepared to give his full support to our efforts to find a basis for a sentement. I took the opportunity of emphasizing to the President our concern that Concorde should be allowed to land in New York. The President has indicated that he is in favour of a trial period.

of a trial period.

I am confident that President Carter will give a positive lead to the West in areas where American leadership is necessary and welcome; that the Administration's new ideas and initiatives are tempered by realism, and confident that the President recognizes the importance of fostering and strengthening his ties with America's allies by regular contacts and consultation.

Mrs. Managemet That they Leader of

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We warmly welcome Mr Callaghan's visit to the United States and particularly his use of the phrase "special relationship" between America and Britain. I understand that the President also used that phrase while the Prime Minister was there.

Did the President renew his pro-

Did the President renew his pro-posal to the Prime Minister that America would be prepared to spend more on the North Atlantic alliance if her partners were will-ing to spend more on it? While we know that the Prime Minister supports the alliance, we find some difference between what he says and actions in the defence budget which constantly seems to be cut whenever there is an opportunity.

Will the Foreign Secretary be going to southern Africa with spe-

ople of Rhodesia.

It would seem that the Prime Minister had discussions with the President on protectionism. From what he said, there is some fear of

Did he discuss the reduction of tariff barriers and non-tariff barriers? In America they sometimes seem to be higher than in the rest of the industrialized world. Mr Callaghan-The major part our discussion on arms was on matters of arms control and on the matters of arms control and on the prospects of reducing arms expenditure rather than increasing it. There is a pretty general feeling that the burden on the Soviet Union, as well as on other countries, is getting too great. Therefore, the President's approach is based. I believe, on the fact that we should try to reduce arms. we should try to reduce arms expenditure if it is possible. He may want a shift in the form of arms expenditure, and that would be for later detail, but it is on these lines we should begin discussions.

The Foreign Secretary will be taking with him and our stand is well known—any development which could arise our of that stand. He will be looking for ways stand. He will be looking for ways
in which he can make a breatthrough on this. We too regret that
the Kissinger proposals did not
come to a successful conclusion
but, to use her purase, they were
not acceptable to the people of
Rhodesia as a whole.

The basic principle is that this
should principle in the

should spring from majority rule and Mr Smith has indicated that he is ready for majority rule within two years. If he intends to keep to that it is possible to come to an agreement and that is the kind of principle which the Foreign Secreprinciple which the roreign secre-tary will explore further.

On protectionism, I had in mind that a number of the less deve-loped countries are in great diffi-culties with their balance of pay-

cific proposals? We on the Conservative side were disappointed that the Kissinger proposals did not come to fruition. We are anxious that proposals should be so way in which they can found which are acceptable to the to the guper tranches of the IMP without some form of protec-

I mentioned one or two industries, like speciality steels, where we should very much regret an expansion of American protectionism.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selicirk and Peebles)—We welcome the statement and congratulate the Prime Minister on the personal rapport he obviously established with the new American administration

Will be give a clear undertaking that he will not regard the eventual judgment on landling rights for Concorde as in any way a yard-sick for British-American relations to the control of the control of

stick for British-American relations because they are much too
important for that?

Will he give the House his views,
based on the talks the had on industrial and economic problems?

What was his reaction to the
close and critical questioning he
received at the hands of the American press and relevision? Did it
reinforce in his mind the appalling
pleane of this country painted
abroad in recent years?

Mr. Callagham—While I pressed Mir Callagian—While I pressed Concorde strongly and will continue to do so. I ried to put it in the background of our broader relationship. It is right to do so, but that in no way lessens our strong view that we have treaty rights which we do not expect to see overridden.

About the annuallies ricewe on

About the appalling picture on American nelevision, it is appalling, but it is not true. It is a beadline picture and one culled sometimes by American correspondents living in West End bars and never seeing anything which is going on in the rest of the country. I was interviewed by one of them and formed an opinion of him. In other circles there was a very different opinion, in the more informed circles which know that

this country has gone through a period in which it has lost an Empire with an industrial system which needed regenerating. There is real understanding of the way the British people are facing this issue.

issue.

I hope that those who go abroad, to America, from either side of the House, will do their best to redress the picture.

the picture.

Mr Alan Lee Williams (Navering, Hornchurch, Lab)—Did he have an apportunity to raise the Airborne Early Warning System (AWACS) problem, particularly in view of our problems with Nimrod and the requirement for a British performance? Mr Callaghan—I discussed it but I would prefer not to go into details.

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Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C)—Objections to Concorde have the flavour of what one might call indirect protection of the kind we have been familiar with in many past cases. Did he press this point on President Carter?

On Rhodesia, guidance to the press indicates that the Foreign Secretary is going on a familiarization visit and will not a crually visit Rhodesia. Since the whole problem is around Rhodesia it would be good if the cast saw the Prince of Denmark. Mr Callaghan-On Concorde. I am

Mr Callaghas—On Concorde. I am not sure what underlies the attiunde of the New York Port Authorky. But we must consider that there are genuine environmental fears. Some of these are misguided but the environmentalists seem to be making the running.

On Rhodesia, I do not think it would be firting at this stage for a griden minister to visit that terri-British minister to visit that terri-tory. (Cries of "Why?" and interruptions.) Because it is still a interruptions.) Because it is still a colony of this country constitutionally and is in rebeilion; that is why. But if Mr Smith wished to make arrangements to see the Foreign Secretary then, of course, I am sure such arrangement scould be made.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—What will not go unnoticed by our people in regard to human rights is the positive defence of the Government's and the country's policies, in contrast

to the statements made by Mrs
Thatcher yesterday in a foreign
country. They will assist the
misunderstanding of our country's
policies by Americans and others.
Did he discuss human rights in
Chile with the President? The
Americans can influence that

Mr Callaghan.—On speeches over-seas, I always take the view held by Sir Winston Churchill. This was that he attacked his Government relentlessly at home and defended it abroad. But at other times there are other attitudes, it is all a

Regarding ChRe, there was a more general discussion about America's attitude towards the Caribbean and South America. The very extensive overriding American Influence in that geographical can invuence in that geographical area is in some ways. a matter of concern to the President, and though that influence cannot be removed I think he wishes to see it exerted beneficially. I do not wish. to go farther.

Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab)—There was some dis cussion with Mr Trudeau on the possibility of a visit by Fresident Amin of Uganda to this country and Mr Callaghan described subse quent events, if that took place, as those which could lead to a circus. Were any contingency plans discussed with Mr Trudeau should the clown get into the circus. hir Callaghan-We should try to

hir Callaghan—We should try to keep President Amin a little off balance here. I do not know that we want to state our position so clearly that he knows what the response should be. I prefer that he should be wondering a little as to what the actual position will be if he arrives. But the possibility of his visit has not altogether gone unnoticed.

Mr Greville Jamer (Leicester, West, Lab)—Would Mr Callagnan apply the same principles to Uganda as elsewhere? Did he express to the American and Canadian leaders the indignation of the British people at the breaches of burnan rights in Uganda and of the country's position,

Mr Callaghan-This came on the United States in the United States in the United States. In or there was a great deal of imand I went on record clarificantian television of make the position of what I believe the whole House, of the prothe position of what I believe to the whole House, of the great of dignation felt in this country what is happening in Ugan There is no doubt in the mind. Canadians about that and the Canadian foreign minister hims went on relevision immediate afterwards to repeat what I said.

Mr William Molloy (Fafting a) afterwards to repeat what I am Mr William Molloy (Eating, Nord Lab)—Will Mr Callathan not be too lightly the remarkable achievements of this wish to America at Caneda? He has done much repair the damage inflicted a justily on Britain by the species Mrs Thancher and it is about the record was put right. He did remarkably we!!.

remarkably well. When President Carter come When President Carter comes Britain will he assure him that he antiblack minority in this Hori of Commons is confibed to a time segment of the Tory party and to overwhelming majority of the House deplores all forms apartheid and colour bar? Mr Callachin As regards applied, I think there will be no before each the attitude of American Administration on a matter and our own attinue hope our attitude is universit this Rouse.

I think it is a worrying fact : the real position of this country so distorted abroad. We have into a trend in which everythis that is wrong is headlined a everything good is put at the

rom of the page, In the old days we could anthe self-denigration factor, a cannot afford it any longer. are fighting for our lives and h beholden to all of us to put abit, a fair representation of

Sterling, trade figures, A good case production improving

The proceeds of the proposed gas price increase would be used for the beneat of gas consumers themselves, the Prime Minister said at the Mouse refused. confirm the increase that would be destroying part of the economic package as a whole, he added. Mr Reginald Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green, C)—Will he hold a Hall Green, C)—Will he hold a public meeting in Eirmingham and invite housewives to consult with him about the fantastic rise in prices, the fall in Living standards and inflation running at more than 21 per cont, and explain to them why the Coverment have underwhy the Government have under-nined faith in the Price Commis-sion and by dictet imposed a major

tax on gas users? hir Callaghan—I would not hesitate to explain all these discumstances which must be regarded as a whole. As a result of the financlai and other measures taken by the Government, confidence in sterling has been restored, the blance of payments is moving in the right direction, and industrial production over the last quarter has moved up by 1.5 per cent although I shall not full into the error of the Opposition and multithat by four to get an annual

The minimum lending rate for borrowing is well below what it was when we came into office. would explain these matters Birmingham and everybody else that the Government's economic policy stands as a whole and will bring us through to success.

Mrs Margaret Thuicher, Leader of policy stands as a whole and will bring us through to success. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Way, while the Prime Minister rightly considers it important not to breach phase two of the pay code, is he nevertheless prepared for the Government to breach the price code in raising the price of gas, as they lutend to do? Mr Callaghan—This matter was discussed in the House yesterday and will no doubt be discussed again. There is no breach in this again. There is no breach in this marter. The Chancellor appounced this in December and the Opposi-tion did not take it up then, There has been neither a breach nor any nas been deture a breach nor any covert action in this matter.

This is a way in which the gas industry—unlike what happened under the Opposition when they allowed it to drift into subsidy, kept prices down artificially and

ran the nationalized industries into debt—like other nationalized industries, have been rescued from the Opposition and are now able to pay their way. The proceeds of this £100m will be used for the benefit of gas consumers.

Mrs Thatcher—If the price code has not been breached, why is the increase not allowable under the

price code.

Mr Cellsghan—The increase is not allowable under the price code within the rules that are laid down. (Conservative cries of "Oh".)

We have brought this to the House and we shall ask the House for its confirmation of what we are doing. If the House refuses that confirmation that will be destroying part of the economic package as a whole. It is easy for the Opposition to pick out any individual item. This poicy as a whole is succeeding and will continue to do so.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles. Scot Nat)—As the rises in food prices have shown that the assurances that prices would be kept down have falled, is there the slightest justification for accepting a further phase of the pay policy? Mr Callaghan—I agree this is a hard case to answer and yet it is in the nation's interest that once again we should have another wage round and wage settlement.

The Opposition will take their view but the truth is that sterling declined in value last autumn. As a result of that, food and other com-modity prices have gone up very much. We are beginning to see an end of that. This will work its way through

by mid-year according to our fore-casts. After that we expect-because of the recovery in sterling and the Chancellor's measures the rate of inflation to diminish rapidly and substantially. If that is so, if we get another wage round it will be well worth people's while to stick to that rather than have a free-for-all and

see inflation go soaring away onc We have a real chance during the next 12 months. I intend to fight as hard as I can—whether it be the Opposition or suybody else—to try to get this country through. (Labour cheers.)

concerned by some indications that discretionary awards are being sharply reduced.

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Mr John Hannam (Exeter. C)—
Many handicapped and disabled
students, because of the difficulties in secondary education, are
not able to go forward into higher
education where they have manda-

Will she look carefully at the

situation where local authorities

Situation where local authorities are possibly not making sufficient use of the discretionary award scheme for handicapped students and consider making them manda-

Mrs Williams—I will examine the

matter. One reason in some cases is that provision is not made for handleapped young people in building designs. We have sent a circular asking local authorities to remember this when designing extensions to further education colleges and similar institutions.

Colleges and similar institutions.

Mr William Van Straubennee
(Wokingham, C)—Apart from the
narrow, human problems, these
discretionary awards, contrary to
the ideas of some people, cover
important courses like aspects of
the medical profession, business
studies and so on, all directly relevant to the country's recovery.
Anxiety about the undue reduction
is well founded.

Mrs Williams—I share his worries, but to make all discretionary awards mandatory would mean much more public spending. The

tory awards.

Concern at signs of fewer

discretionary awards

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science,

said she would seek ways of moni-

toring discretionary grants to stu-dents. She expressed concern at indications that discretionary awards were being "sharply

Mr Bryan Davies (Enfield, North, Lab) had asked if she was satisfied that the level of discretionary

awards being made to students for awarus owng made to students for 1977-78 by local authorities was consistent with her policy to give priority to the education of stu-dents of 16 to 19 years of age.

Mrs Williams (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—Local education authorities are free to make their own decisions on the level of expenditure on discretionary awards and I have no information

yet about their policies for the 1977-78 academic year. But I shall be exploring with the

local authority associations ways and means of monitoring the posi-tion on discretionary awards. Air Davies—There is evidence of

Mr Baries—There is evidence of nunsity in many quarters that the level of these awards next year will be lower than many would wish. The department should look for ways in which a more specific grant could be given to local authorides to ensure that this aspect of policy retains the priority she has given to it.

Mrs Williams—The most recent figures are for 1975-76 and indicate an increase of about 27 per cent in spending in that year on some 50,000 discretionary awards. There

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spending in that year on some most I can promise is to examine 50,000 discretionary awards. There this and see if there are particular are no later figures, hence the March 23 meeting, because I am sider.

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for review of mortgage

The trouble with mortgage interest tax relief was that like Topsy it had just grown, and there was a good case for reviewing it, the Prime Minister said at question

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) had earlier asked— Does the Prime Minister agree with the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party that the maxiof the Labour Party that the maximum mortgage upon which tax relief should be allowed should be reduced from £25,000? Is this because the price of houses has gone down, or the influence of the left has gone up?

Mr James Callaghan—The National Executive Committee has put forward a series of loteresting proposals which were drawn to my attention this morning, and I shall study them with great care.

As regards the £25,000 maximum limit placed on houses, I understand over the last two years, since the limit was fixed, the price of houses in that range has not varied much, and therefore the figure is pretty much stationary.

Mr Eruce Douglas-Mann (Merton,

Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann (Merton, Mitcham and Morden, Lab)—
There are many sectors of owner-occupiers who receive far too little help at present, particularly those who are buying for the first time, and those who have bought in the last five years, as well as retired people who cannot afford to pay for their mortozzes. for their mortgages. Mr Callaghan—He raises the in

Mr Caliaghan—He raises the important point of the position of those people who are first-time buyers, as well as others who have to move from their residences because of their work.

The trouble with our mortgage interest tax relief is that like Topsy, it has grown. There is a good case for reviewing it as the housing finance review is doing and we shall present our conclunousing finance review is doing and we shall present our conclusions to the House in due course. It is taking rather longer than I had hoped. It is complex. We have to balance equity and fairness in looking at these matters. I would not like to rush it when the system has grown up over a long period. Air Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab)—It is fairer that we should devote to owner-occupiers and

Lat)—It is fairer that we should devote to owner-occupiers and council tenants on the lower end of the scale some of the subsidies going at present to the richest house purchasers, some of whom are receiving over £40 a week in housing subsidy.

The Callaghan—I cannot add to what I have said. As to what extent, and at what levels mortage interest ray relief should be the case interest are relief should be gage interest tax relief should be given, this matter should be left to the housing finance review which do not wish to anticipate.

Plans delayed for larger Hansard' pages

Government motion to alter Par liament's printing arrangement was delayed when a Labour back

bench amendment was carried by 175 votes to 83.

The proposal had been put forward in a report from the Services Committee and involved, among other things, a change to make the pages of Hunsard bigger but the volumes singurer. The proposal would also have made all Parliaments. ment's papers the same page size.
The amendment called for more information to be provided before any change was made.

Loans for car purchase

Mr George Canningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs how many interest-free loans for car purchase were currently being repaid by members of the Diplo-matic Service; and what was the total present value of the outstanding part of all such loans Mr John Tomlinson, Under Secrehary, said in a written reply: On February 28, 1977, 384 loans for car purchase were in the process of repayment. The total value of loans ourstanding on the same date was £566,627.67.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.50 Debate on EEC decemments on communit. assiculture proposals. Water Charges Equalisation Bill
and Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill.
renatulity stages,

House of Lords Today at 2.30: Short debates on un-employment and on althouts policy for the 'Grader London area. Debate of question on telephone installation and standing that the control of the contr

Review of future of **British Leyland**

of British Leyland's plan for 1977 would be needed, but how drastic it would be would depend on the speed with which full production was restored, the Prime Minister sald at question time.

said at question time.

Mr Charles Horrison (Devizes, C) had asked—In the light of the unfortunate fail in the volume of visible exports last month, much of the credit for last month's surplus should go to the City of London. Would he bring this to the attention of left-wing Labour MPs and suggest to them that they should stop sniping at the City as they did last week. By so doing they are sepping the morale of one of our best exporters.

Mr Lances Callaghan—The fall-off

Mr James Callaghan-The fall-off in the volume of exports last month was to some extent due to the position in the car industry. (Interruptions.) The trade unions have done a remarkable job there.

The Confederation of Shipbuild-

keep library

The Minister for the Arts (Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge) was trying to see if there was a way in which the Evelyn Library could be kept together, but in law there was nothing the Government could do to compel the trustees to put the collection forward for public purchase, Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said.

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Mr Patrick Cormack (South West

Mr Patrick Cormack (South West Staffordshire, C) had asked what discussions she had held and what representations she had received about the future of the library. Mrs Williams (Herrford and Stevenage, Lab)—While the Government have received representations from Christ Church, Oxford, the Friends of the National Libraries, from Mr David Price, MP for East-leigh and from three members of the Control of the National Libraries, from Mr David Price, MP for East-leigh and from three members.

leigh, and from three members the public, they have received no

from the trustees. Lord Donaldson

of Kinsgbridge, Minister for the Arts, is considering in consul-tation with the British Library

whether there is any way in which the collection can be kept together. Mr Cormack—Could I thank her

for that reply, particularly for the last few words? Would she agree that this is a collection of pree-minent importance and that everything possible should be done to keep it in the country? Will she take a personal interest in doing just that?

Mrs Williams-I have already

importance of keeping the collection together. In law there is no way the Government can compel the trustees to put the collection forward for public purchase.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, chief

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, chief Opposition spokesman on education and the arts (Chelmsford, C)—Does Mrs Williams not realize that her department is getting a growing reputation for Philistine indifference for the future of our national heritage, what with Mentmore first and now with the Evelyn Theory 2

Will she wake Lord Donaldson,

Mrs Williams—The best response to that question is to say that you can take a horse to water but you can't make it drink. That is the precise situation with this collec-

Since November 26, when section

26 of the Children Act, 1975, came

into operation, 3,039 adopted per-

sons had applied for access to their birth records, Lord Wells-Pestell, Lord in Waiting, said. Lord Teviet had asked how many

adopted people had sought in obtain their original birth certificates under section 26.

Bearing in mind that this is a

most infimate matter, he added, would the minister consider

asures for protecting the nat-

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ing and Engineering Unions issued an unprecedented statement today, something that has never happened in our industrial history where they have agreed with British Leyland that if—when the factories and workshors open on Monday. land that if—when the factories and workshops open on Monday—the men do not go back to work, they will be regarded as having discharged themselves.

This is unprecedented and Mr Scanlon and other trade union leaders deserve the full support of the Opposition and everybody else.

The Government support the joint statement made by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and British Leyland.

land.

What has happened so far means that the Government will have to review the future of British Leyland in the light of the way the situation develope. Whatever happens now a review of British Leyland's plan for 1977 will be needed. How drastic it will be will depend upon the speed with which the men return to work.

New scheme for taking art to the regions

Miss Margaret Jackson. Under-Secretary for Education and Science, said that the closure of the Victoria and Albert Museum's regional service department would not mean that valuable art collecions donated by individuals would be broken up.

Mr John Hannan (Exeter, C) asked
what further representations had
been received concerning the circulation of national collections in

lation of national collections in future.

Miss Jackson (Liucoln, Lab)—
Since the Secretary of State's statement on February 16, representations have been received from about 20 MPs, seven local authorities or their organizations, one area museum and two national organizations.

Mr Haman—The closure of the Victoria and Albert regional service department goes against the original charter of the V and A which was established to take attreasures from London around the country and into the provinces. Were consultations held with museum associations?

Will not the result of this decision mean that many valuable art collections donated by individuals in trust for this purpose will be

in trust for this purpose will be broken up?

Miss Jackson—No, I do not think that will be so. About 90 per cent of the circulating material is going to be available. We hope to have a to be available. We hope to have a new scheme to borrow from all national collections. Although this department is being closed we do not feel that this will be the end of local museums receiving help. Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Minister for the Arts, is planning to hold a conference with museums and orderies at which this can be

and galleries at which this can be raised. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—It would be a most regrettable step if the closure of this department—local authorities rely on this—denies to young people in the provinces the opportunity of getting a look at collections.

Miss Jackson-That would be true if it were the case. Although we if it were the case. Although we are proposing to make changes, we are not proposing to abolish the scheme altogether and we hope some of the changes will improve the situation. Ninety per cent of the circulating material will continue to be on offer.

The previous ocheme only referred to the V and A. This scheme will refer to all national collections.

Of particular assistance will be a proposal for Government indem-

now almost invisible, from his slumbers and get him to call a conference between representatives of the family, of the British Libraries Board and Treasury officials so that something can be done by the Government to keep this unique library intact for the benefit of the nation? proposal for Government indem-mity for insurance that covers all objects being borrowed. It will have the effect of making local authorities willing to continue to borrow on an extensive scale.

Lord Wells-Pestell-This scheme

has only been in operation slace

the end of November and it is too

safy to come to any conclusion.

So far there have been no complaints from any mothers who have
been traced as a result of the new
provision.

The committee stage of the Patents Bill was continued and adjourned.

House adjourned, 8.35 pm.

Nato allies. Nator allies. He also asked how much longer a pair of soldier's socks were expected to last through additional darking as a result of the Government's defence curs reducing expenditure on kit.

expenditure on kit.

Mr Robert Brown, Under Secretary for Defence for the Army, in a written reply, said: Service unforms and other clothing currently cost about £50m a year, and it is therefore in the public interest that Servicemen should be given adequate instructions on looking after their kit.

In particular, soldiers and their wives are being given advice on

In particular, soldiers and their wives are being given advice on looking after the Serviceman's wardrobe, because higher standards of care will save the soldier money. There will also be a small saving to the public purse, mainly in reduced administrative effort. The aim is to produce an even smarter soldier, not soldiers in patched or darned uniforms, either on public duties or with Nato, and the Individual Serviceman will be helped to avoid unnecessary expense.

Ship repairers removed from Bill

The Lords amendments to delete the 12 ship-repairing companies from the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill were agreed to. After Mr Gerald Kaniman, Minister of State for Industry (Manchester, Ardwick, Lab) had formally moved that the House agreed with the Lords amendments, Mr Norman Lamont (Kingston upon Thames, C), for the Opposition, said that in expressing a general welcome for the amendments the Opposition wished to make it clear that their attitude to

this legislation was in no way In no way did they think that the legislation was going to do any-thing to help the shipbuilding industry to face the problems of contraction for its productions. In no way was the Bill going to contribute anything to solving the problems of the aircraft industry.

They had to examine their artitude to the Government's concession for the libra of the Parliament. sion in the light of the Parliament Act hanging over this Bill. The choice was between further delay

make it clear that their attitude to

It was a sad choice, but the likelihood of the whole of the Bill becoming law with the use of the Parliament Act meant that they must accept the amendments.

The Government had not removed all ship-repairing. They regretted that the Government were unable to see their way to excluding Vosper Thoraycroft's shiprepairing business.

They welcomed the fact that at last the Government had shown a spirit of reasonableness and a little accommodation. If they could have had it earlier, then the Government could have had their Bill earlier. The House of Lords had emerged from this story with considerable cradit. Mr Similey Thorne (Preston, South, Lab) said there might be future difficulties when one or other of the companies not to be

and seeing all the companies in the Bill nationalized, including the 12 ship-repairing companies, or 1 so quick passage of the Bill minus the 12 ship-repairing companies.

It was a sad choice, but the likelihood of the whole of the Bill becoming law with the use of the Parliament Act meant that they must accept the amendments.

In the logar ment of Industry for some fame that should indicate that should indicate the provider public fronts, particularly in first that indicated their oppositor of the provider of the provid of thowe funds.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hysiop (Tire-ton, C) said that the Lords led done exactly what they said they would do and not what the Govern ment accused them of doing-la had passed these amendments remove hybridity from the Bill. The House had these fires amendments because it failed to pass them by two votes as December 7 when three Liberal MPs failed to vote for them with their colleagues on that occasion.
Had those smeadmans been
passed on December 7, the Bill
would have left the House for me
Lords with its hybridity removed.

Government week exemption of mining industry from safety signs directive Mr John Grant, Under Secretary for Employment (islington, more flexible form of instrument circum-House take note of a European stances to be deale with on their House whether he was prepared a Commission document and the merits within the general frame-

Government's memorandum Government's memorandum on safety information at the workplace, said the purpose of the draft directive to which it referred was to introduce a uniform system of safety signs in workplaces to heip protect workers and the public.

The member states of the EEC had a multiplicity of different signs to prohibit various scions, warn of dangers, express what was mandatory and give general information. Many different signs could lead to misunderstandings and this

mation. Many different signs could lead to misunderstandings and this was particularly relevant on the European mainland. These proposals provided a way of harmonizing signs by sening out the basic principles for shapes and colours, devising symbols to show commonly found situations and requiring signs displayed to control internal works transport to be the same as those for road transport.

The general view of the Government was that the proposals in the draft directive were broadly in line with the Government's wish to ensure that the workplace was safe and without risk to health and signs could play a valuable part in this. The posting of signs in no way should be seen as a substitute for effective protective measures for effective protective measures like provision of adequate informa-tion, instruction, training superviston and so on.

ston and so on.

The Health and Safety Commission felt that harmonization was desirable bearing in mind that safety signs were a means of giving an immediate indication where particular hazards were present, but having given the proposais a lot of consideration, they had come to the conclusion that there were considerable difficulties in achieving harmonization by direc-

work of the proposals. That was the approach the Government were pursuing.

The National Coal Board had

been opposed to the application of the directive to the coolinging industry as they were concerned that carefully worked out system of carefully worked out system of safety signs agreed between management and unions would be disrupted for no real purpose. There was an obvious difficulty in supporting the exemption of any single major industry but this was the kind of consideration that strengthened the case for harmonization by a non-binding instrument. They agreed about the import-

ance of a transitional period to allow workpeople to familiarize themselves with the new signs, and about the need for instruction in safety measures. The Government also felt that there should be a longer implementation time than the 18 months which the Commission envisaged.

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Discussions on the draft directive
were still going on.
Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) seld were still going on.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) stid
that this proposal was designed
more for the benefit of Britain's
continental partners who had a
number of migrant workers coming
in from Turkey and other places,
and not for this country. This
should be done through the international organization of standarditation which was a wider group of
countries than the EEC.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover,
Lab) said members of the National
Union of Miners who advocated
entry into the Common Market
were beginning to see, just like
many other groups, that they were
being treated without any courtesy
or decency by the EEC administrators and bureaucrats. This was

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going to accede to these says requests.

Mr Michael Grylls (North-Wa Surrey, C), for the Opposite said it was widely agreed that a dardization was needed. There a confusion and the sponer the inhad signs which conformed, better. Common signs were all more necessary because this to

death. Mr John Grant sold the Got must sought a more flexible binding instrument and directive. The running man should be deleted. If there was a fault in comm cation it could not be laid entire at the door of the bureaucible Brussels. There was a good delection and it had not been attempted through without in mining industry being aware of the attempt of the statement of the statement

Mr Skinner—Is he saying that the letter the miners' group of Mr has received, signed by Lawren' Daly, a member of the TUC Gr Daly, a member of the TUC Gereral Council and General Secretary of the NUM, is lying when it say there has been no consultable with the NUM? In the letter his tates that the Department of Employment told, him that the could not get the NUM out of the or the coalmining industry is more precise because it would more precise, because it wondereate difficulties for other indirected. Is the minister challenged that statement?

Mr Grant—I am not accusing the Daly of lying, I am saying definitely that the Government have acceptance of recommended acceptance of directive at present and are selling exemption for the coalming

The motion was agreed to.

Legal framework Smartness on for fixed parade without patches term tenancies Mr. Neville Trotter (Tynemouth, C) asked the Secretary of State for Defence what economies would be made as a part of the Government's defence cuts by better husbandry of clothes, and whether the wearing of darned, patched and mended uniforms was conducive to the good appearance and morale of the British Servicemen vis a vis the Nato allies.

Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams (Kensington and Chelsea, Kensington, C) was given leave to introduce the

sington and Cheisea, Kensington, C) was given leave to introduce the Housing (Shorthold) Tenancies Bill to provide for the letting of residential properties on fixed terms.

He said he was not seeking to end security of tenure for any sitting tenant not for the majority of new tenants, but to provide a reasonable legal framework in which people with premises suitable for letting for a period of a year or more and people looking for a house or flat for a similar period could reach an agreement which was fair and could be properly supervised by the appropriate authority.

A shorthold tenancy must be only at the fair rent and the premises must be at least equal to the standard set for discretionary improvement gramts.

Youth Council grant of up to £15,000

Ignorance of toy safety law not an excuse

Mr Paul Hawkins (South-Well Norfolk, C), in an adjournment debate, said that a consument. If Marcus, of Kitfix Ltd, had abor £30,000 worth of goods in surfaction safety regulations which were brought in after he had orders the goods. the goods.
Mr John Fraser, Minister of Son.
for Prices and Consumer Profition (Lambeth, Norwood, Labisaid ignorance of the law was set an excuse and if laws were not operative until they had been not individually on they affected.

operative until they had been mul-fied individually to those affection it might be a long time before at sorts of health and safety and con-sumer safety requirements were brought into practice. People like Mr Marcus belongs in India associations and consulreopie like Mr Marcus beide to trade associations and con-tations took place with them, people read the association to nais they normally became formed or regulations.

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In his letters to the department of the regulations dealing with sharp edges was unnecessible to the few accidents the cause of the few accidents the caused. But in 1974 34 our of the complaints about potentially degrous toys concerned sharp distant points.

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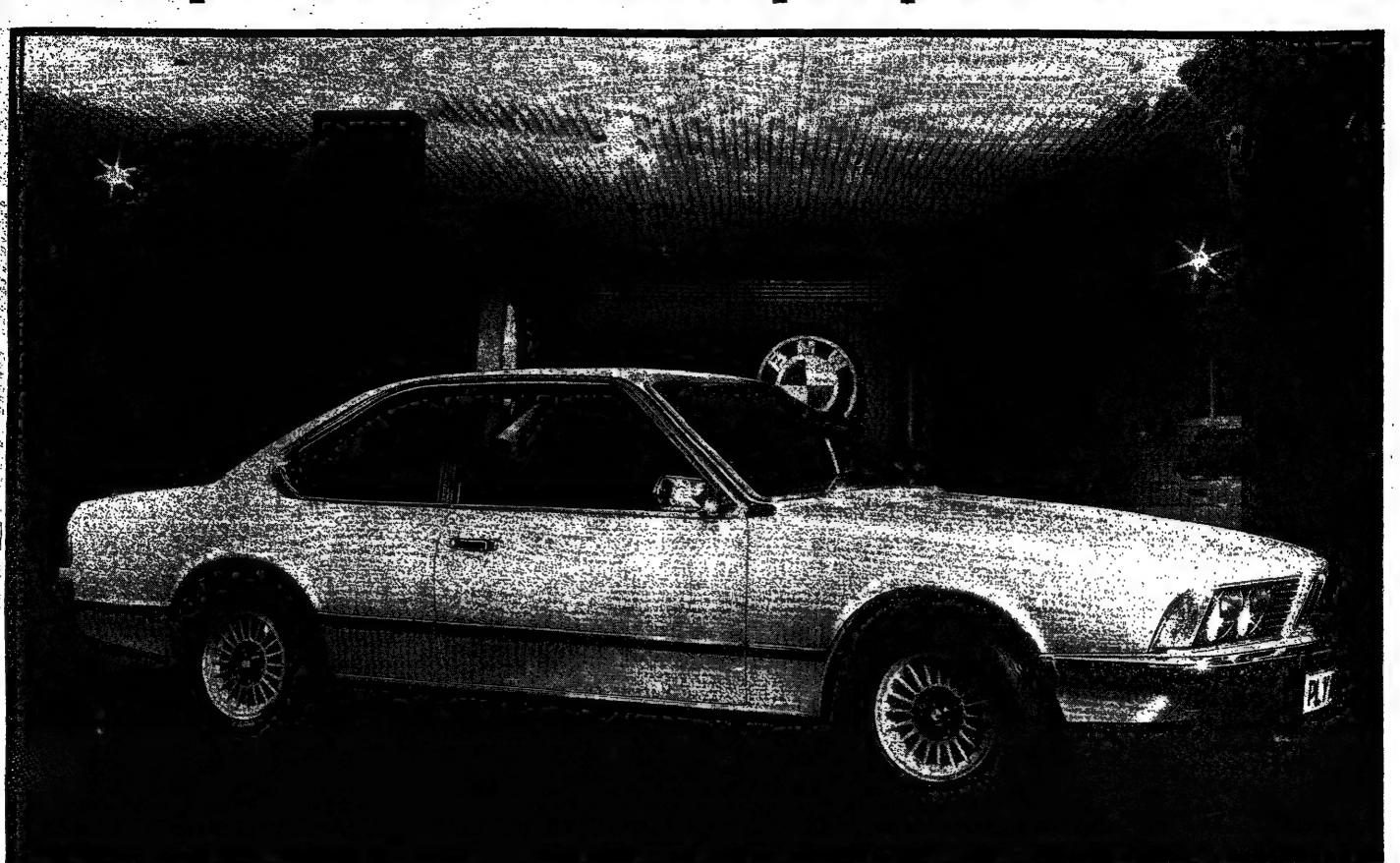
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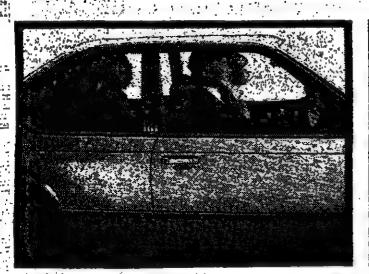
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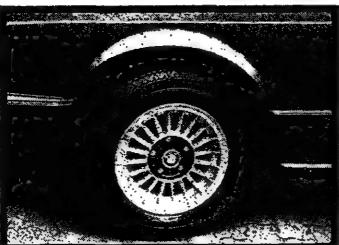
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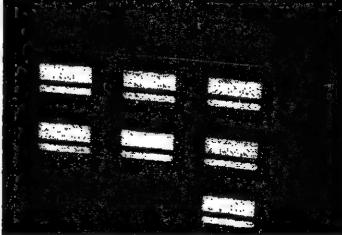
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The family who chose the mercy of the cruel sea

There was a little-regarded rate (or, if we are of a pessinews item the other day, about a woman and her 15-year-old failure-rate), and pass on. a woman and her 13-year-out son being found floating in a collapsible dinghy in the Baltic; her husband and their two daughters, aged 12 and 14 respectively, had been in a similarly frail vessel, but had decoursed.

drowned.

The cruel sea, you may think, up to its usual tricks. The family's boat had been swamped: they had taken to the dinghies which, as prudent sailors, they had been careful they had been care to have aboard, dividing the family as they had no doubt long planned against the possibility of just such a disaster; probably they had had regular lifeboat drill, joking as they did so. And now the grey, impersonal waves had shown themselves stronger than all the precautions, and the world contained one more widow and one more fatherless child. And that is really all there is for any

outsider to say about it.

Or rather: almost all. For there is an extra dimension to the story, which it now behoves me to disclose. The family had me to disclose. The family had not taken to their rubber dinghies from a sinking yacht; they had embarked in those yery craft. And they were not Indulging a taste for hazardous sport, or putting their children through some kind of Outward Bound toughening process. They were not seeking fitness, relaxation or sunken treasure; what they were after was free-dom. For they were a family of East Germans, from the western marches of the Soviet Empire, and they were trying to get away from it. The mother and the son did; the father and the two daughters did not. We

rate (or, if we are of a pessimistic tendency, a 60 per cent
failure-rate), and pass on.

We pass on first to a fairly
obvious reflection. How peculiarly vile must a system of
government be, if citizens compelled to live under it are willing to trust their lives and the
lives of their children, in a
challenge to the might of a
northern sea, to a couple of toy
boats? (If your first thought
is that they were foolhardy not
to wait until the weather was
better, have a second; when the
weather around the shores of
Soviet Germany is such as to Soviet Germany in such as to make the waters navigable without risk, the State watchers are on permanent alert for any kind of boat putting out to sea, be it never so innocent in appearance. Only when it is very dangerous indeed to sail such seas is there any chance of the vigilance being sufficiently slack to offer any chance of

I ask how vile a regime must be if its citizens are compelled to take such chances to get the Soviet imperialists have been in occupation of Eastern Germany for a third of a cen-tury; an entire generation has been born, and grown up, and created another, under Soviet

permitted printed word, never heard or seen anything on their radio or television programmes, never learnt anything in school or university, never had any public instruction or exhortation, hever come across any public information at their place of work or of social relaxation, that had not been the two daughters did not. We carefully searched and record a 40 per cent success screened, by people highly

How peculiarly vile must a system of government be if citizens compelled to live under it are willing to trust their lives to a couple of toy boats

skilled in the appropriate techniques, to ensure that not a single word of truth about the world, or communism, or their Soviet masters, or their own puppet-government, would get through. Whatever it was that all of them to danger and most them to death, came from of them to death, came from their lifetime's experience of the delights of communism.

That these delights are insufficient to keep seventeen million people indefinitely delighted is made plain by the episode I have recounted. But it is made plainer by the fact that the regime lines its western borders, land and sea, with guards and guns, electrified fences and lethal mines, watchtowers and dogs and pursuit vessels, all intended not to keep invaders

intended not to keep invaders out but to keep the regime's citizens in. When the Berlin Wall was built I thought, and I have never seen reason to revise my view, that the standard excuse

for it among Soviet apologists in the West—that it was justi-fied because of the "brain drain" of East Germans—was the most squalid item the fellow-travellers' repertoire had ever encompassed. Students of such matters will have noticed that in recent years the line has changed; now we are ex-pected to believe that it is an immensely wealthy state, its citizens revelling in a standard citizens revelling in a standard of living that puts Stockholm and California to shame. Some might say that if the new line is true, the Wall has become something of an anomaly, but I have not detected many suggestions that it should now be demolished, and I have even less expectation that it actually will be

In the end, we have to turn to that much (and ill) used word, empathy. It should be possible, by an effort of the moral imagination, to put ourselves in the position of that family, so that we can see the

feel their hearts bearing with fear and resolution, look upon the sea that faced them, entrust our minds, as they their bodies, to a bubble of air and a film of rubber, and set off with them into the darkness. Beyond that it would be indecent to follow them, so death and deprivation; and beyond that, it is unnecessary to follow them; two, at any rate, reached the freedom that it is so familiar to use that any rate, reached the freedom that is so familiar to us that most of us have no idea why it is so precious, and that some work day and night to stamp out. But if we can get far enough towards merging our feelings with the feelings of a family to whom death was an acceptable alternative to communism, we shall understand two things it is important to understand—more important, it may be, than we know.

may be, than we know.

First, we shall be virtually immune to all the lies, all the excuses, all the apologias, all the breathlessly enthusiastic travelogues, that the servants and fellow-travellers of totali-tarimism near out incessantly. and removeravelers of total-tarianism pour out incessantly. Next time one of them is telling us that the system is of course different from ours, but in its way valid, and that it seems to work, and that anyway the people who live under it seem to close our eyes; then we can hear the waves lapping, feel the cold, see the darkness, and remember that the waves, the cold, the darkness and the death, were considered preferable to continued existence under Soviet communism. And in a single moment the whole edifice of deceit will vanish

may gain from the exercise in empathy that I have proposed. The other half is even more important. By trying to feel what that family felt, we can remind ourselves of what is in remind ourselves of what is in some ways the most wonderful and extraordinary of all the attributes of man, the inextinguishable spark of freedom in his soul. For what did that family know of freedom? East Germany went direct from Germany went direct from Nazism to Communism; today, a citizen of that repulsive helorry would have to be 65 to have lived as an adult in a free society; a Soviet citizen would, of course, have to be much older. And yet in both there are men and women who divine what freedom is, though all their lives they have been denied it, and seek it though they perish in the

So the story of the family that fled together and died apart can teach us something of enduring value; which is that the most valuable thing of all is also the most enduring. matter, however many times it may change its form, is ultimately indestructible, so we can see that at the core of man's being is a rock that, though it can be cracked, scored, crushed, ground to rubble, cannot be made to disappear; and it was upon that living rock that five human And eloquent testimony to its eternal strength is given by a woman and her son who live now in Federal Germany; and by a man and his two daughters who sleep now beneath the

Otherwise investment, particu

investment could be reduced or even withheld altogether,

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I have heard already of

Unions must act for the members, not the Government

March 5 marked the beginning of the fourth year since the Conservatives lost office follow-ing defeat in what was widely regarded at the time as their "confrontation" with the unions. On that enniversary, the largest gathering to date of active Conservative trade unionists was held in Northy-ham and the importance which

ham and the importance which
the party attaches to their
views was witnessed by the
presence of Mrs Thatcher.
After the February election,
many people feared that the
Conservatives would react to
defeat by refusing to listen to
the unions' views, by laying all
the blame for the country's ills
at the door of Congress House
and by setting out on a divisive course of autipathy and
hostility towards trade union
aims and structures. Instead,
the party has sought to listen
to what trade union leaders to what trade union leaders have had to say, at local as well as national level and to

argue constructively with them; to point out to the unions that their present rela-tionship with Government has many elements which are not in the national interest, and may not be in theirs; and to provide encouragement and assistance to the many people already in unions who hold common sense views and who want to see these views re-flected in their union's policies and leadership, while reassur-ing those who have deep rooted objections to belonging to the labour movement that their right to work will be pro-

tected. I believe now that there was a widespread feeling that the difficulties with the miners were symptomatic of a feilure to get the relationship with the unions right. As citizens, we tend to want governments to achieve two things in their dealings with the unions. On the one hand we want the Government to govern and not Government to govern and not hand over their duties and responsibilities to the TUC, and on the other we want them to concede union demands if these seem justified and if we are being inconvenienced by

the effects of industrial action. It is very difficult for any government to reconcile these two demands with complete success. Paradoxically the close ties between the Labour Party and the trade unions may actually make it more difficult for them to get the balance

and the value of shareholders' property lowered in other ways; or, as the minority report put it: "By contrast, we doubt very much whether overseas investors would develop their operations in the UK if their plans could be frustrated at any time by their being out-voted by a majority of employee-elected representdemonstrating independence from the unions and reviving the historical links. Thus, it: was a Labour Attorney General who, much to the horror of the TUC, invoked a widely ignored wartime regulation in 1951 and prosecuted seven dockers for going on strike; whilst 26 years later, when the Post Office workers threatened of employee-elected represent-arives and co-directors who might have been appointed by a UK Government agency." to commit a plain breach of the law, many believe that his successor refused to act because of his fears of indusmajor American investment in Britain which has been put off because of the possibility of Bullock coming into force. Therefore, the sooner the trial action which could have undermined the present social Government makes clear that in the event of legislation contract relationship between the Government and the TUC. shareholders' representatives will retain control of the board

the social contract is effectively the price paid by Labour's leaders to win back the union support alienated by the last demonstration of independence when the 1965-70 Government adopted pay limits and proposed legal reform of union activities. Power to decide policy, first in Opposition and later in office, was handed over to the TUC/Labour Party Liaison Committee and their proposals-ranging from the renegotiation of the terms of entry to the EEC to the estab-lishment of the British National Oil Corporation—were put into effect whatever the views of Parliament, the

employers or the nation. Fortunately such an approach cannot survive. The pursuit of socialist policies is costly and economic reality, which first forced the unions to accept pay limits, is now making the Government pay less heed to the advice of the Liaison Committee. There is no prospect of the latest proposals from that body—giving a fur-ther £1,000m a year to the National Enterprise Board, setring up a National Transport Planning Authority or intro-ducing new social benefits— being implemented in present circumstances. The unions are faced with the dilemma of going along with the Government's new policies of spending cuts and industrial incening to the growing clamour from the rank and file to cease co-operating with the Govern-

Despite this, we must all hope that agreement can be reached on a further year of pay restraint—an interim year—which can help reduce our rate of inflation and so improve our competitiveness and ich prospects.

and job prospects.

The level of unemployment is a disgrace to a civilized society and pay restraint can help, but whatever the future of incomes control, the days of the social contract arrangement must now be numbered. Can the Conservaires do better? The activities of the growing number of Conservative trade unionists and many others like them, allied with others like them, allied with the common sense in the nation's present crisis of many other trade unionists of var-ing political views and none, is already reflected in more rea-listic bargaining not perhaps most visibly at national level, but where it matters at heal level.

Many trade unionists recogof their leadership, concerned more with political power than the improvement of real stand-ards of living, has helped as leave us trailing far behind the living standards of countries like France and Germany. This trade unionists stressed at their conference the paramount in-portance of productivity, of differentials for skill, and in-centives for hard work and responsibility. That is why they call for tax reductions and more cost-conscious public responses.

As far as relations with the TUC and union leaders are concerned. Conservative miniters would discuss and consult with them in precisely the same way as they would and should with other important groups and individuals in society. Naturally in employment matters and particularly in industrial affairs where they have great experience, knowledge and interests, their views are especially important and relevant. But no topics would services. relevant. But no topics would be barred from discussion. It be barred from discussion. It is vital that we know what is their mind and vice versa. We need to avoid above all it being said that "if only you had talked to us we could have told you it would not work."

Of course our relationship will be different from that of the present. Government. We the present Government We shall have some important perhaps fundamenal, differences but it is the prosperity and benefits which the warkforce obtains at grass root level which decides union policy. They haven't had much to

cheer abour in the past three years and will be giving us a fair wind to see what we can All of this would mean less power over the direction of the nation's affairs for the leaders of major unions thus they bad in March, 1974. But what power they had is visibly slipping away at present and the TUC General Council are finding themselves wedded to a series of policies, not less in the field of public expenditure, with which they funds

mentally disagree. They are becoming Mr Healey's poodles. I doubt if after this experience there would be much for such a dominant role. They may find the relationship offered by a Conservative Goveroment more attractive as a long-term arrangement. It would be based on munual respect and it would offer hem an influence that would pe jastiuk pecanze it moniq ad compromise their independ ence or their freedom. Because union leaders would neither be, nor thought to be, the rest authors of government policy they would be freer to respond to the needs and demands of their members and they would not shoulder the blame for the difficult decisions that will updoubtedly have to be taken in the coming years by government—or for the mistakes. It is certainly an arrangement which would strike a halance man in the control the

balance more in tune with the wishes of the nation, between the right of government me the duty to avoid unnecessary

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A new script for the Rhodesia saga?

hasted, and ran toward the serious, army to meet the Philistine. . . Mr Smith had been hoping month, marks the opening of a new chapter in the long serial

Where so many stalwart champions have failed—Mr Ivor Richard being merely the latest heavyweight to go down—can Dr David Owen succeed?

Well, let us admit at the start that no one, in Whitehall or Washington, has any very clear idea at present about how to settle the Rhodesian problem. After so many attempts. so many words, so many travels across the continent of Africa. the prevailing feeling is one of

Nevertheless, the Carter administration wants to make at effort in Africa. This is partly because the President feels a strong commitment to helping the people of Rhodesia and Namibia attain their human tration wants to be seen, not just standing there, but doing something—but what?

If there was a temptation in London, among some members of the Cabinet, to pass up the legal responsibility for Rhodesia, on the ground that Britain had done all that could be reasonably expected, the American enthusiasm quenched it quickly. It was made clear that Britain was expected to go on in pur-

It follows from this that nothing will be ventured withbut American cooperation, in the fullest sense. Dr Kissinger, master of the diplomatic game that he was, did after all drop the British in the stew, by claiming to have got African approval for his plan, when all that had happened was a few rapid assurances had been obtained from third parties over the telephone. In future, cooperation will be tighter.

There has, moreover, already been one most significant development since the Carter ream took office. Mr Smith's plan for an "internal" settle-ment, some sort of deal with his "moderate" African chiefs, has been categorically rejected the administration. With week to restore the ban on Rhodesian chrome, Mr Smith

The decision by the new that the South Africans would Foreign Secretary to make a persuade the Americans to tour of Southern Africa next back his internal solution. That option seems closed. In eny case, Bishop Muzorewa, whom Mr Smith hoped he could lure over to his side, left no doubt that such an approach was not acceptable. It could only work on conditions which all the nationalists

> Mr Smith still wants sertlement, on the lines of the Kissinger plan, though he obviously construed it as a way of maintaining Rhodesian Front supremety. Certainly he has not given any real hint that he appreciates that the plan has now been superseded. Moreover, despite optimistic reports about killing terrorists, there is come circ. there is some sign that the military strain is taking its toll in Rhodesia, and that the security forces are becoming

very stretched. At the same time, the Namibrights, partly a strong sense of ian question is coming up fast, promotion to the board and obligation to his black constitu- and may well take precedence replace them with others ency back home. The adminis- over negotiations on Rhodesia's whose only qualification is future. The talks in Turnhalle have produced a draft constitula Namibia, which the South West African People's Organization, operating outside the country, totally rejects. As the West, indeed the UN as a whole is committed to full indepen-dence for Namibia, this is likely to cause friction with South Africa, at the very time when Dr Vorster's support is needed in budging Mr Smith.

Dr Owen, rightly, is not pre-pared to accept a "trade off" between Namibia and Rhodesia, but believes that a solution must be found for each country on its merits. The link between geography, may be awkward. In the light of all this, it is not easy to prescribe what the right policy should be. The best thing, so the British and Ameri-

cans conclude, is to keep the dialogue going. Hence the decision by Dr Owen to visit Southern Africa. He comes to the problem fresh, as he says, and believes that in any job there is no substitute for seeing things for yourself, to get to know the man behind the policy. He is not going to Salisbury despite yesterday's invita-tion, but may see Mr Smith in Cape Town. Talks about talks are better than talks about war.

How Bullock proposals could harm British industry

Supporters of the Bullock majority report repeatedly cite the West German worker the West German worker directors as justification for the Bullock proposals but neither Bullock, nor anyone else has spelled out fully the fundamental differences between the German system and Majority Bullock.

The likening of Bullock to the German system is invalid.

the German system is invalid-for two reasons: First—the Ger-man industrial participation man industrial perticipation system is democratic and has been very carefully constructed from the bottom up over a period of more than 50 years. Bullock, however, without there first being in existence a proper participation substructure throughout British industry, would force onto all our major companies, from the our major companies, from the top, theoretical and untried procedures, against the will of managers and boards. These procedures are undemocratic, divisive and patently impracti-cal since the idea is to throw off boards, directors whose proven value has carned their that they stand in favour with their union. (In my own

company 14 highly valued and experienced directors would lose their board appointments, including a Swiss who has devoted 20 years of his life to the promotion of British exports on the Continent.)
Secondly the comparison pays no attention to the major differences in the legal, trade union, and political systems of the two countries and it is vital for the future of our in-

dustries that their disparities

Designed to protect investment

be made abundantly clear.

It is crucial to the understanding of the German struc-ture to appreciate that it is the works councils which exist in virtually all German com-panies and which are elected by secret ballot, and not the worker directors which only exist in some companies, that provide such a strong basis for participation and industrial democracy in Germany. Every employee can vote whether employee can vote whether he is a member of a union or

German company law provides for a two-tier board, the David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Description of the management board, each with clearly defined duties. In companies employing 2,000 or more a supervisory board consists of has voted in favour in a secret fact that in every case the 10 shareholder-elected direct ballot. shareholders' representatives tors, one senior manager nominated and elected by his fellow managers and worker directors.

The system has been carefully designed to protect and rang designed to protect and encourage investment by safe-guarding the control of share-holders over their property by giving the chairman of the supervisory board, always a shareholders' representative, a

posed by Bullock. The workers' representatives are elected by secret ballot of all employees whether they are union members or not, unlike Bullock who undemocratically gives the right to appoint worker directors to trade unions only, thus ignoring the rights of 11 million people who are not members of trade unions.

work effectively

nominate directors from among themselves on the basis of "Buggins's turn next". Further, the two-tier board system provides freedom for the managing director and the management board, supported by a strong works council, to drive the company ahead free from interference. The supervisory board can fire the manag-ing director but it cannot give

effectively. Here are some (a) There are only 16 industrial unions in Germany as against 488 in Britain of which

(c) Agreements between employers and trade unions are legally binding and enfor-

shareholders' representatives retain control of the board. (e) Union membership is voluntary. Closed shops are illegal because they contravene larly foreign investment, would dry up. If the shareholders' representatives could be out-voted, as they could under Bullock, then dividends on the the principles of human rights in the Constitution. (f) The unions must be inde-

pendent of any ties to a political party or organization.

(g) Sprikes, even when approved by a 75 per cent majority in a secret ballot, are illegal if they are: in breach of a collective agreement or individual contents of a majory. individual contract of employment; not for the purpose of adjusting working conditions, adjusting working conditions, but against someone else (eg sympathy" strikes); called before conciliation procedures have been exhausted; in furtherance of political aims; conducted with intent to cause loss to the employer "in violation of public morals". This could arise if, for example, essential services in any establishment were not maintained: lishment were not maintained; or the aim was to induce an employer to dismiss an employee who refused to join

that the key to participation in Germany is the works council, not worker directors, and I cannot do better than quote the personnel director of the Audi Motor Car Company, lecturing in Harzogate to the Institution of Personnel Man-MECS.

At the start of his lecture he said he had been talking previously to some of the people at the conference, and he felt that many people were expect-ing him to talk about supervi-sory boards in Germany in the framework of participation. He said he did not intend to dis-cuss supervisory boards at all. They had nothing to do with participation in Germany participation in Germany because participation menot works councils.

Members of the works council are bound by law to secrecy as regards trade or administrative matters which employer has expressly stated to be confidential. There are sanctions against any breach of confidence.

The employer and the council are not allowed by law to exercise strikes or lock-outs against each other which might prejudice normal working or industrial peace. Both sides must refrain from any political activity inside the establish-

Bullock refers to European experience with worker direc-tors but carefully omits the the better for foreign invest-ment in the United Kingdom. Britain's prime requirement

However, if the Bullock Report could result in Germantype works councils (or, as I prefer to call them, employee councils) being set up through-out British industry, this would be a worthwhile and major advance, as I know from 11 years' experience of running a company in Germany. This is the prime requirement for the situation in Britain.
With our multiplicity of unions, the difficulty is to

have an employee council if some unions refuse to sit down with others not to mention non-mion employees. Yet somehow or other this must be brought about if industrial participation is to make sense

To foist worker directors onto unitary boards by law would be to set back British industry. A recent market research society poll showed that even 79 per cent of trade unionists are against the com pulsory imposition of worker

Sir Emmanuel Kaye

The author is chairman Lansing-Bugnall Ltd. Oo you want the crystal tor II, deer, or the ton leaves for Elfq

This compares with four free and 85c a line in The Observer and 50p a line, with none free, in The Sunday Telegraph.

These have substantially lower circulations than The Sunday editorial matter, for nothing. But they got the National's list-ings in a muddle on March 6, so the theatre asked for the substitution of the simple instruction which appeared on March 13. The situation will be righted

tives at the risk of alienating their members or of respond-

the disappearance from the daily paper listings of reference Sunday papers-pithough the full listing does still appear in the other Sundays. Mind you, if readers of The Sunday Times pay any regard to the views of their theatre critic, there cannot be much at the National

Saints alive

St Enoch and St Mugg, the two or enormand St Stugg, the two most popular lay preachers in Christendom, yesterday resumed the dialogue in the twin pulpits of St Mary-le-Bow. Cheapside, of Mary-le-Bow. Cheapside, that they had postponed without coming to a decision six years agn. The theme was God and Caesar (relative duties owed to each). Before a rather more than capacity congregation they have aging archanges. Powell than capacity congregation to two aging archangels, Powell and Muggeridge, danced an elegant minuet on the point of a pin to music that was more religious than secular.

St Enoch averred that the interval since they last preached together had been a long, hard six years both in Caesar's world and for Chris-Caesar's world and for Christians, St Mugg was curious

about the precise proportion of duty owed to God and Caesar, and supposed that he felt be owed a minimal tribute to Caesar compared with St Enoch-Did the latter feel that his long and devoted service to Caesar had been successful and worth

St Enoch: "No politician at the end or at any stage of his career believes that he has succeeded. He lives with other people and finds them formulae for living through a particular period." Period."
He said that the antithes's

hetween God and Caesar was a falso one, because Caesar is a reature of God; and he suspected the bit about rendering into God of being an interpolation. Christ's answer to the rich nucstion was more devastering if you put a full stop after "the things that are Caesars"

Having previewed the election for a new chairman of Demo-crats Abroad on Monday. can now announce the result.

Elwood Rickless, a larger whom I described as a conservative, but who says he is in the same liberal and

The Times Diary

Standing up to the pressures

It is a coincidence that Grace Wyndham Goldie's book about the influence of television on politics rhould be published tomorrow, in the week in which there have been allegations that the BBC has encouraged IRA terrorists. The criticism of the BBC arose from a To-night programme this month in which two men complained that they had been tortured by

lster police. Mrs Wyndham Goldie savs much in her book about the needs for television and the press to resist pressure to pre-sent only the Government's side of a contentious issue. And vesterday, when I spoke to her in her small, book-lined Kensington flat, she made the point again in relation to the Tonight

controversy.

"I did not see the programme", she said, "but from what I have read I would not have disapproved of it. Always authority to have only their

Surely the whole husiness

vision journalists, is to put over facts as they see them, regard-less of what precise effect they may have." She would make an exception only in the case of an incident like a kidnapping, where it was sometimes justigain a clear, precise and limited

But you can't, over a long period, say: Don't put out anything which goes against Mrs Wyndham Goldie, whose

new book is called Facing the Nation, speaks with the authoretion, speaks with the authority of a former head of BBC Television talks and current affairs, a post from which she retired in 1965. During her career of nearly 30 years with BBC Television, there was one incident which smed out or an arms. incident which stood out as an example of the BBC resisting pressure to conform to the Government's line.

This was the Suez effair of 1955, in which the late Sir Anthony Eden, then Prime Minister, became furious at the PRC's insistence that the v of journalists, including tele of thoshe opposed to the Suez

landings should be aired on radio and television, and even on the External Services. Mrs Wyndham Goldie's involvement was in the question of whether to allow Hugh Gaeskell. leader of the Opposition, to reply to Sir Anthony's explanation of the landings. Long memoranda — the favourite form of communica-

tion at the BBC, to judge from the book—flew around and between Broadcasting House and Lime Grove. Anguished reference was made to the "aide memoire of 1947" which, until succeeded by a further aide memoire in 1969, had the authority of the holy scripture in matters relating to political broadcasting. In the end, the BBC defied Sir Anthony's threats and allowed Gaitskell to make a relevision broadcastthough by the time he did so the Government had already decided to accept American pressure for a cease-fire.

Mrs Wyndham Goldie be-Mrs wyndnam Gorne be-lieves that politicians still do not take television sufficiently setiously, in spite of the fact that people's impressions of a politician are nowadays based mainly on what they see of him or her on the screen. Labour people take it more seriously than Conservatives — possibly because they feel they do not get fair showing in the news-

"Harold Wilson", she said.

casting vote.
It will be seen that worker directors sit on the supervisory and not the management board, as pro-posed by Bullock. The workers'

Under Bullock, a committee of shop stewards could simply

Worker directors in Britain, in their capacity as trade union officials, would have an immunity against legal pro-ceedings which is unknown and unparalleled in Germany

or any other country.

There are many other features without which the German system could not work of them:

111 are affiliated to the TUC. (b) With very few excep-tions, there is only one union per company. For example, ICI has 24 unions in Britain but only one in Germany.
(c) Agreements between

(d) Strikes are illegal unless 75 per cent of the membership

Like most ministers he liked

to speak with the appararus of office around him. That's

why they like to speak from Downing Street rather than come down to the studio for an interview."

She is uneasy about James Callaghan's plans to answer viewers' questions on Nation-wide next week. "Fireside chats and phone-in programmes are terribly misleading to the public," she points out, "and I don't like the public being miclad.

misled.
"They're misleading because

communication that politicians can't give. Politicians couldn't and shouldn't tell the absolute

and shouldn't tell the absolute truth about questions they're asked over the phone.

"There should be some way of saying at the beginning: 'Look, you may ask what you like but in practice the politicians will only answer what they want to ."

Mrs. Wondham Goldie 2

Mrs Wyndham Goldje, a

pleasant woman of uncertain

age who worries a lot about seeming pompous, is enjoying launching her book, especially

when it involves visiting her

old stamping grounds.

She is uneasy about James

"took it very seriously indeed, but I didn't think he used it "I'm going for an interview at Lime Grove this week", she said. "The girl who rang me to fix it said: 'Let me tell you well because, like most politi-cians, he saw television as a how to get here.' I said I didn't think that would be necessary." tool to use rather than as a means of giving evidence to the

> The Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in 1975 took place in Jamaica, not in Ottawa as I reported pesterday.

What's on ? An alert reader in Scotland has spotted a Catch-22 in the play listings for the National

Theatre in recent days. Looking them up in The Sunday Times, he found the simple message: "For repertoire see daily press."
So he waited until The Times arrived on Monday and found a sketchy listing, with the advice underneath: "NTs

full rep in Sunday press."
At the National, I was told that the confusion arises from a boycost on theatre advertising in The Sunday Times organized by the Society of West End Theatres (SWET) surely one of the touchiest trade bodies in existence. The society, to which the National belongs, objects to a recent in-crease in the paper's rates for theatre advertising.

The old rate of five free lines and £1.85 a line there-after, has been increased to £2.25 a line, still with five free.

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In order to keep its readers informed, The Sunday Times is printing its theatre listings as

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They agreed to resume the divingue in six years either at St Mury's or in a higher place.

humane tradition as Carter took the honours after a second hallot.



END OF THE RYDER PLAN

British Leyland is the paradigm of the problem that affects so much of British large-scale industry. At the same time it presents a massive political problem for the Government and for Mr Scanlon and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers Few union presidents can have been given a more disrespectful hearing from their own members than that accorded last Friday to Mr Scanlon, when he tried to put the cold facts to his toolroom workers at the mass meeting at Birmingham. In the most direct sense, the authority of the union is under challenge from this group of its higher paid workers. For the Government, the Leyland crisis is by far the severest test to date of its industrial strategy.

Two quite separate issues have come together in the present crisis. The first is related to incomes policy and its possible extension after July. The second concerns the continuation of British Leyland in its present form. As for the first, if it is a depressing characteristic of the British economy that it pays low wages and delivers low productivity, the way out cannot lie through continual wage restraint. A return to freer collective bargaining, provided that it is in the context of continued monetary restraint and a refusal by the Government to underwrite

As for British Leyland itself, no government could contemplate the sudden end of mass car production by British Leyland. Apart from the immediate effects on unemployment, the direct impact on the component industry and the indirect cut in spending power would cripple the economies of the Midlands and of the Cowley-Oxford area. The effect on the trade balance would be similarly unacceptable. To that extent, the militant toolroom workers are right in thinking that the Government's room for being tough in the short run is limited.

Against that, however, the point has now been reached where the future of the car division of British Leyland has to be thought out anew. It is no longer possible for the Government, or the National Enterprise Board, to continue on the basis that the Ryder plan for British Leyland provides a credible framework for day-to-day, or long-term, decisions. The present dispute has brought matters to a head, but this judgment would now hold even if full production were resumed everywhere in British Leyland tomorrow.

Whether Lord Ryder's plan for British Leyland ever had a realistic chance of being fulfilled is now an academic question. It was based on the assumption

irresponsible settlements, is now that British Leyland would be able to generate cash to match government money for new investment programmes at a level only possible if it became the most profitable car manufacturer in Europe. It was known at the time that there was substantial overcapacity in the car industry in this country. Then it looked as if Chrysler (UK) was in the weakest position. In the intervening period there has been no evidence that British Leyland can perform better than Ford, Vauxhall or Chrysler. Thus, while closure of British Leyland in any immediate sense is economically impossible, future policy towards the group will now have to be based on two principles.

The first is that the mass car division should not be allowed to drag down the more effective operations, such as the trucks and buses, the special products and the quality cars. The unified structure of British Leyland should, therefore, now be reviewed. The second is that all new investment in the project to build a new "mini" should be shelved, until there is positive proof that the car division can effectively produce its present range of volume car models. The Government and Lord Ryder will have a political difficulty in conceding publicly that the Ryder plan is now a dead letter. But there can be no further point in fudging the issue.

THE BBC'S IRISH TROUBLES

The BBC perceives Northern Ireland as a part of the kingdom where communities and govern-ments are in conflict, and where there is not to be found that degree of political consensus which alone makes possible the operation of democratic institutions without coercion. It sees the duty of public service broadcasting in such conditions as being to report and reflect the conflict in all its manifestations. It sees both communities as part of its constituency, and to preserve its credit with both it must not become the partisan of either. This way of looking at its role reinforces the BBC's instinct to maintain its autonomy and never allow itself to become instrument of political authority.

Mr Airey Neave, the Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, perceives the province as a part of the kingdom on the brink of civil war where the British Government is fighting a ruthless group of terrorists with market aims. The detachment which the BBC displays leaves him with the impression that it is not really on the side of the civil power, a dereliction of its duty in the face of violent subversion of constitutional government.

Both those perceptions of Northern Ireland are valid. The turbulence which the province has suffered over the last eight years partakes of both characteristics, one approximating to a state of political irreconcil-ability, the other to a state of war or at least o femergency. The attitudes expected of objective broadcasting or journalism in those two extremities are not precisely the same.
This double focus in which the

conflict in Northern Ireland is held is part of the reason why the presentation of news and analysis from there is something exceptionally difficult to get right, and part of the reason why so much criticism now beats about the head of the BBC.

The BBC's own understanding of its role in Northern Ireland is altogether preferable to that towards which. Mr Neave's analysis seems to lead him. But his misgivings are not simply to be brushed aside. A state is a social organism. All its important working parts are implicated in its continuous striving for equilibrium. None can affect

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the battle" in Northern Ireland, if only because what it does or does not do is part of the material of the conflict. It has to justify its conduct to itself and to others in terms of the general interest of the society of which it is such an important organ.

By his perception of the conflict as something like a state of war Mr Neave is misled towards the conclusion that the public interest requires the BBC positively to assist a war effort, especially in the line of propaganda. In fact the general public interest is better served by the kind of objectivity and independence the BBC seeks to maintain. For it is only by adhering to that stance that the BBC-like a newspaper, but with the different impact of broadcasting—cam well perform these useful functions: the forestalling of rumour by the rapid reporting of events; offering a source of news capable of commanding the trust of members of both communities; exposing the views and passions and personalities belonging to every party in the conflict for the inspection of every other party; assisting people elsewhere in the kingdom towards a better understanding of the nature of the Irish impasse and a truer measure of its stubbornness; uncovering abuses by the forces of authority, and providing the check against abuses which the possibility of

such disclosure constitutes. It is sometimes suggested that all a newspaper or broadcasting organization needs to guide it along that path is a fully cultivated sense of news values and strict attention to professional practice in gathering and presenting the news. There were passages in the mostly convincing apologia Mr Richard Fran-cis, the BBC Controller in Northern Ireland, gave as a Chatham House lecture last month which left an impression that that is his view of the matter. Other passages indicated that Northern Ireland is worked by the BBC with special criteria and with a great deal of attention to the likely consequences

of what is to be broadcast. So it should be. Broadcasting is an active as well as a reactive occurrence in any situation of conflict; and in conditions as extreme and lethal as those in Northern Ireland the broadcaster total detachment from that is not absolved of his duty to process. The BBC is not "above weigh the consequences of what

he does by close attention to standard professional practice. It is in that area of controversy that the screening on the Tonight
programme of allegations of gross abuses by RUC interrogators is caught.

The Tonight team came upon those allegations by chance. They checked them to a point at which they became satisfied with their authenticity. The RUCcould offer no comment since the matters alleged were the subject of formal investigation not yet complete. After deliberation the BBC decided to go ahead, and the exceedingly damaging allegations were given wide currency. The RUC at the time were under notice from the Provisional IRA that their members would be picked out to be murdered. The consequences of the broadcast have been such as were to be expected. The RUC is shaken. Many of those who look to it in hope, and with much sympathy, as a defence against anarchy are furious. Politicians in Belfast and London have been hopping up and down. The provisionals have cunningly exploited the consternation. Mr Mason has called on the RUC to expedite its inquiries into the allegations.
The BBC decided to go ahead

withour waiting for the result of the official investigation, and therefore precluded the RUC from challenging or commenting on the allegations, because of the gravity of the abuses alleged, because they introduced a suspicion of system at the interrogation centre, because its experienced staff was satisfied of the complaintant's bona fides, because by then not to have gone ahead would have invited the charge of "suppression", and because it thinks the standard procedure for investigating complaints against the police takes inordinately long. All good reasons, but were they suffi-cient? What interest was served by publicizing the allegations then (instead of waiting, with the film in hand, until it could be seen how the police had handled the complaint) sufficient to outweigh the damage that has been

done? This was only one of many similarly difficult decisions which the BBC has had to take in its coverage of Northern Ireland where its record does it much credit. And if it did not get this one right that credit is not lost nor is its general approach invalidated.

DR OWEN NEEDS TO INFORM HIMSELF

It is surely a mistake for Dr Owen to refuse Mr Smith's invitation to visit Rhodesia in the course of his factfinding trip to familiarize himself with the problems he faces in southern Africa. He may meet Mr Smith in South Africa, but that will only familiarize him with the views and personality of Mr Smith, It will not enable him to make any assessment of Mr Smith's political position in white Rhodesia, notably in the apparently restive Rhodesian Front, It will not enable him to assess the non-Front whites. It will preclude him from seeing Bishop Muzorewa in his own setting, among his own advisers, and from considering his claim to represent the black majority. Yet these are all quite important bits in solving the southern African jigsaw.

Of course Mr Smith's invitation rouses Foreign Office

Sir, Charles Osborne's letter

(March 11) includes comments on

public libraries which cry out for rejoinders; I will confine myself

The public library service for which I am responsible certainly does encourage the production of

Encouraging literature

From Mr Robert F. Atkins

to one only.

suspicions. Mr Smith is pushing himself forward, and he has proved so complete a match for the best politicians that can be sent against him from Britain, America or South Africa, that officials fears of falling into some humiliating trap are natural. But it is possible that anxiety prompts Mr Smith's tourist offer. He rudely rejected Mr Richard's proposals, but that does not mean he wants no more contacts, and Mr Richard's experience forearms Dr Owen. A sounding out of opinions and positions in the post-Kissinger phase, such as President Carter and Mr Callaghan have sanctioned, must surely include an assessment of trends generally in

It may be objected that Dr Owen cannot visit an illegal and hostile regime, that he would seem to give it standing. After Geneva we have surely got

would assert that many established

"literary" suchors owe something of their success to the fact that public libraries bought their early

beyond a punctilio once important. Where the plenipoten-tiary, Mr Richard, could go with proposals a new Foreign Secretary can go with an open mind to make an assessment—as part of a total assessment to which his meetings with African leaders and to South Africa, must all contribute.

It would not be appropriate to include Rhodesia in the itinerary unless the United States concurred. But that could have been cleared. The Africans will have their objections, but they may well be more worried about African rather than white contacts Dr Owen could have made. (They probably regret their treatment of the Bishop already). Sooner or later another emissary will go to Salisbury. Dr Owen is ensuring that when the time comes to operate, he will be relying on secondhand opinions of his

norts while individual wouldbe buyers showed their behicual caurious arriende sowards the Viterature as on art form mainly by the purchase of victorily all first ne purchase of variating all first nevers but also by acquiring new poetry and drama in both book and journal format. Sheffield City Libraries are not, I imagine, peculiar in this respect, Indeed, I unfamiliar. Yours faithfully ROBERT ATKINS.

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Director of Libraries, Sheffield City Libraries, Central Library,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Splitting the Treasury

From Dr Jeremy Brug, MP for Motherwell and Wishaw (Labour) Sir, The renewed proposal to splir the Treasury reflects communing concern about whether it is doing its job. But to split the Treasury may divert attention from the problems of economic management, and the means of tackling them, as it did 13 years ago. Debate has concentrated on the control of public expenditure, where the failures and remedies have been obvious and unpopular. The greater failure and the more difficult problem have all along lain in the making of econo-mic policy which sets the back-ground of public expenditure.

The problem has spread out in different directions. On the one hand it has become impossible to hand it has become impossible in make economic policy without public discussion and agreement, not only with the TUC, but more widely. On the other hand the slogans and gimmicks have been shown to be superficial, and the methods of economic analysis have become highly technical. If people want in accurate those for it is want to argue about how far it is possible to reconcile five or six objectives, using five or six policy instruments, each with highly uncertain lags and effects, then they must be prepared to build, to test, and mathematically to throw around serious economic models. or around serious economic models, or to read the results of others doing

The requirement on the Treasury to publish forecasts and give public access to the Treasury model, which moved and which was passed by Parliament against Treasury oppo-sizion, will help gradually to improve the quality of debate and of policy making. But as the Treasury have spent more on economic analysis and forecasting, ministers have become more critical shows the contract of the cont about the errors of economic fore casts, and the implied errors of

Ministers have expected too much, and officials have misdirected the apparatus. Officials should not say, "If you do this, that will happen", and then change their minds six months later when it does not. Instead ministers should say, "These are our priorities as hetween unemployment, inflation. between unemployment, inflation, public expenditure, taxation, and the balance of payments. What prioric expenditure, taxagon, and the balance of payments. What should we do now, and why? How large adjustments should we expect to have to make, one way or the other, in six months and a year's time, with destabilizing the system? How far are our objectives likely to be fulfilled? "Such questions can be appreciated sensibly, even if the be answered sensibly, even if the

Treasury cannot do so at present. For years the Treasury have neg-lected the development of the techniques of economic analysis. They failed in attend technical conferences, They did not read the more difficult technical literature. They failed to learn from best practice abroad. They are still falling further behind the state of the art. They had no defence against the They had no defence against the They had no detence against the wave of naive single equation monetarism which has swept into the vacuum left by the omission of all monetary influences from their economic analysis. As a result policy appears to be increasingly destabilizing the economy, and aggravating the prospects for inflation and investment, as well as for unemployvestment, as well as for unemployment and public expenditure. Because of their interaction, and the need to maintain an overall view both of the economy and of policy making, I do not myself believe it would help to split the Treasury. The Treasury needs constructive technical leadership, not leucotomy. Ministers have chosen steadily to resist the suggestions I have made over the years to improve the apparatus of economic management, thinking they knew better, leaving another generation of officials to involve them fire pears later. implement them five years later. This may be the normal cultural lag, but it is an indulgence by the Treasury which we cannot afford. There are widespread suspicions among ordinary voters of incompetence and dogmatism in the Treasury. So I must ask Ministers to carry their public expenditure White Paper through the House of Comment of Thursday without my

Commons on Thursday without my support. Yours faithfully. JEREMY BRAY, House of Commons.

Arabs at universities

From Mr J. A. Morrell

Sir. I have occasion to visit regularly the United Arab Emirates. I am constantly impressed by the genuine friendship that exists there towards this country. All the more alarming, therefore, to learn that there is a serious hias in our further education programmes which is forcing more and more young Arabs to attend universities in Russia and the United States. in Russia and the United States. It would be hard to exaggerate the loss of influence that would follow if this trend were to persist. The complaints against our system are threefold. We do not recognize the UAE certificates of education even though these were instituted by a British Government. Students are therefore compelled to go through the whole gamut of British educational qualifications, ab mitio, resulting in a seven or eight year period of further education.

Secondly, the education curriculum is appropriate only to a fully developed and industrialized economy. Although undoubtedly first-class in content it has limited application to emergent economies in which Arab graduates will have to find employment.

Thirdly it is suspected that private educational establishments have "cashed in" in a shameless manner by charging up to 54,000 for a nine-month induction course prior to taking a regular student's place at some £800 ps. This vested interest is suspected of being a factor against much-needed change.

I am not an educationist. I am a business man. I am not reporting tittle-tattle, but serious comment from a number of good friends of Britain who feel that the stuation has not so far been recognized but which, once recognized, will be corrected.
Yours faithfully,

J. A. MORRELL, 8 Crosby Square, EC3.

Prosecution of Ulster terrorists

From the Attorney General

Sir, In a well-publicized weekend speech at Abingdon, Mr Airey Neave, Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, stated that "the Attorney General seems to regard the security problems of Armagh as similar to those of Kent and Surrey" and that as a result "many hig fish among the terrorists swim round with immunity".

These remarkable allegations were unsupported by evidence and are wholly untrue. More important, however, they are likely to give aid and comfort to the retroriets and to make a decrease of these those

create despondency amongst those who, often at great personal risk, seek to obtain and present to the courts the evidence required to prosecute terrorists to conviction.

The truth is that the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland, for which I am responsible, works with conspicuous courage, efficiency and success. Mr Neave's ill-judged words, spoken in the shadow of the assassination of a member of the DPP's staff, could well cause some members of that staff and other persons responsible for law and order in Northern Ireland to wonder whether the risks which they take are justified. Let me, therefore, repeat, so that nobody can be in any doubt, that terrorists, those who organize them, those who assist them, those who harbour them and these who having information about those who, having information about them, fail to report it to the police, all liable to heavy penalties: and that whenever evidence proper to be brought before a court of law is available, such persons will be prosecuted, with, as the results prove, a very high chance of conviction.

In a further reference to myself as Attorney General, Mr Neave stated that "he refuses to create new offence of terrorism". Mr Neave knows very well that responsibility for lexislation lies with the Secretary of State and not with the Attorney General. Indeed, only two

days before making his speech in Abingdon, he criticized the Secre-tary of State in the House of Commons for rejecting the Opposition proposal for a specific offence
of terrorism. Mr Mason in reply made it absolutely clear that the proposal had been examined several times and had been rejected be-cause it would add nothing to exist-ing offences and would only serve the terrorists' interests by creating a distinction between "political" murders and other cold-blooded murders. The problem is not the range of offences nor the sufficiency of penalties. It is the obtaining of evidence to prove obtaining or evidence to prove offences to the satisfaction of the courts. That is the function of the RUC and there are signs that it is enjoying growing success. Mr enjoying growing success. Mr Neave's mis-statements do not help.

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Yours faithfully, SAM C. SILKIN, Attorney General, Royal Courts of Justice, WC2.

From Mr lan Gow, MP for Eastbourne (Conservative) Sir, In his letter published today (March 14), the distinguished (March 14), the distinguished journalist Mr Nick Ross, writes: "Those of us who have worked regularly as journalists in Northern Ireland know that civilians are regularly maltreated by some members of the security forces".

This statement is explicit about his knowledge of maitreatment, and implies that he has evidence to support it.
Mr Ross does not tell us whether he has forwarded such evidence to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. He has a clear duty to do

so—and at once.

If he is not willing to provide that evidence, then he should withdraw the grave allegations which he makes—and at once. Yours faithfully,

IAN GOW. House of Commons. March 14.

The professions and an incomes policy

From the President of the Pharmacentical Society of Great Britain, and others

Sir, Discussions between the Government, the TUC and the CBI are now beginning to take place as a prelude to some form of pay restriction and taxation adjustment as part of Government's policy for Stage III of an incomes policy. Once again seemingly, the Government's principal consultation will be restricted to bodies that do not represent the majority of those whose pay will be affected by the incomes policy.

Those professions to which we belong are themselves perhaps only a minority section of the community but nevertheless an important oneand one that has already suffered serious damage through the distortions, anomalies and even injustices of an incomes policy that has im-posed unreasonable and disproportionate burdens upon it. It may be that this was neither foreseen nor intended but such is the certain result of formulating policy without including the professions in the pro-

cess of consultation. An advanced level of education, a sustained period of training con-tinuing long after the acquisition of formal qualification and the shouldering of heavy responsibility both to the consumer and to society both to the coustmer and to society generally have always been thought worthy of proper recompense. Yet the results of the present incomes policy have been quite the opposite. No responsible section of the nation, and certainly not the members of our professions, would expect to be exempted from making sacrifices in the fight against inflation. We do not even hope for equality of sacrifice in a desperate situation where fice in a desperate situation where some element of rough justice is inescapable if decisions are to be taken and endless arguments are to be avoided. But if the national interest is to be served there must be a reasonably fair balance of con-

nibution. This is not the occasion to out detailed calculations of the relative decline in the standards of living of professional people, but a great deal of evidence has been produced over the past year to explain why many professional workers no longer believe that they receive the fair reward for their ducation, skills and responsibilities which society has always thought it equitable and in the public interest to grant. Many professional workers have emigrated and an in-creasing number are making plans to go. Retirement as early and as quickly as circumstances permit is now common practics.

Most worrying of all, and most insidiously damaging to the national well-being, is the danger of an internal retreat to a condition of indifference or self-protectiveness in which the traditional practice of professionals to put service before self-interest is eroded and the opportunity for leisure tends to be put above the satisfaction derived from rendering more than the minimum expected. The nation cannot afford to squander—deliberately—such an expensively produced and precious resource, especially in these diffi-cult times. We ask the Government to give appropriate weight to these considerations, and in doing so to before an already serious situation becomes even worse. Yours faithfully.

J. P. BANNERMAN, President,
Pharmaceutical Society of Great Statements on Rhodesia

J. W. BAXTER, President, Institution of Civil Engineers.

E. S. BOOTH, President, Institution of Electrical Engineers. J. C. CAMERON, Chairman of Council, British Medical Association. W. E. DUCKWORTH, Chairman, Council of Science and Technology Institutes.

C. P. FRANKLIN, President, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. GEOFFREY L. HOWE, Chairman of Council, British Dental Association. EWEN M'EWEN, President, Institution of Mechanical Engineers. JOHN F. PHILLIPS, President, Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators.

CHARLES PRINGLE, Chairman, Council of Engineering Institutions.
C. N. THOMPSON, President,
Royal Institute of Chemistry.
March 14.

EEC sugar policy

From Lord Jellicoe
Sir, I was glad to see the letter
from Lord Douglas of Barloch
(March 12) deploring the "penal evy which the European Commission has proposed on the produc-sion of high fructose syrups (isoglucose).

Lord Douglas mentioned that a factory is due to start production of isoglucase in the London area very shortly. That factory has been erected by Tunnel Refineries of which I am Chairman.

There are five main reasons why I regard the Commission's proposal as little short of standalous.

First, it would mean that investment made in good faith within the Community would be rendered.

worthless. In the case of Tunnel alone this amounts to £8m. Second, it would deny to the European consumer a product for which there is a clear and growing

Third, it would deny the Community a new technology which is worth developing and which, if the Commission's proposal is accepted, may well become the monopoly of North America.

Fourth, the proposal has been produced "out of the blue" and with virtually no consultation with the European producers, actual or prospective.

Fifth, the proposal is in effect retrospective. It amounts to changing the rules of the game in the middle of the game. It is perhaps this feature of it which I most deplore. For all these reasons, I sincerely

hope that the Commission will be asked to think again when the matter is considered by the Council of Ministers later this month. I can appreciate that the producers of sugar beet in the Com-

munity may be worried about the inroads which this new product could make into their markets. I am also well aware of the strength of the sugar beet lobby in Europe. Nevertheless, their fears would seem exaggerated given the fact that the

total production of isoglucose within the Community would amount on present plans to less than 4 per cent of EEC sugar production by the end of 1978. I am also aware of the mounting concern in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the Community about the growing sugar mountain in Europe. I am con-vinced, however, that the cause of this has nothing to do with iso-glucose and that the cure lies elsewhere than in the imposition of a penal levy on a promising new

product.
I should perhaps make it clear that I write as a firm believer in the European idea and as a firm supporter of British membership of the Community. Yours etc.

JELLICOE, House of Lords. March 14.

Direct elections

From the Director of the Electoral Reform Society Sir, Eric Heffer (March 11) is certamly right about one thing: that if we have a party list system of election there will be the most acrimonious disputes about the order of each party's list.

Mr Heffer should therefore urge that we use instead the single transferable vote—which can be applied to regional constituencies fust as easily as a list system can. Each party could then have as many candidates as it liked, without risk of splitting its vote, and leave the voters to choose among them. Mr Heffer would then have the pleasure of being able to nominate and to give preference to candidates (not necessarily confined to his own party) whose views on the EEC were similar to his own. We should know for certain how many voters agreed with him, and their views would be reflected in the elected body.

Yours faithfully ENID LAKEMAN. The Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street,

The future of Mentmore

From Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, F&A, and the Duke of Grafton Sir. The initiative of the National Trust in offering to hold Mentmore Towers is greatly to be welcomed. They are the only existing body with the expertise to run such a house with its fabulous collections and this would offer both a secure future. We feel strongly that this offer should be accepted by the govern-ment despite Mr Shore's categorical statement last week, and Lady Birk's amplification in the House of Lords. It is clear from what Lord Donaldson said and from estimates by experts in the field of furniture and objets d'art that where the DOE's responsibility ends that of the DES will have to start.

The lack of coordination between departments dealing with the Fine Arts is highlighted by the situation over Menumore and we wonder if it is too much to ask that the Secretary of State for the Environment should look again at the Menumore problem in confunction with experts from his own department, from the DES and from outside bodies like the National Trust hitherto uncoassited. This could be regarded as The lack of coordination between selted. This could be regarded as an amende honorable for the extremely short notice with which this problem was sprung on those concerned with our national heritage and the deplorable lack of consultation which this sorry tale

has revealed. Mr Shore has said that film is the maximum which his department is prepared to produce from the Land Fund, and that the rest will have to come from private charity. This is a very shortsighted decision in view of our invisible earnings from tourism which perhaps show a better return than the car industry at the moment. We feel that to ask st the moment. We feel that to ask private charity to find £2m for something which most experts regard as a governmental responsibility is immoral. If, however, the government is prepared to pay the capital costs of Mentmore—that is £3m payable to the Rosebery Estate by April 5, then we would be prepared to launch an appeal and enter into negotiations with the National Trust and the other interested parties in and the other interested parties in an attempt to fund the running cost and the opening of Menumore to

the public. Yours sincerely, NIKOLAUS PEVSNER,
President, Victorian Society,
GRAFTON,
Chairman, Joint Committee,
Society for the Protection of

Ancient Buildings, Georgian Group, Victorian Society and Civic Trust.

From Mr Ian Curtais Sir, Lord Eccles (March 14) misses Sir, Lord Eccles (March 14) misses the point. Of course it is deplorable that actors, musicians and writers are experiencing poverty and unemployment, that the Victoria and Albert is having opening problems, and the other things he lists; but these are temporary deficiencies, which will come right as the economy perks up. But if we let Mentmore go now, it will be gone for ever. for ever.

Yours truly, IAN CURTEIS, Mersham. Nr Ashford, Kent.

From Mr W. R. Ferris

Sir, I should like to correct some Sir, I should like to correct some statements made by members of the House of Commons on February 3. The House was discussing the refusal of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to make immediate representations to the Government of Botswans for the return of 400 schoolchildren abducted from south schoolchildren abducted from south-west Rhodesia.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare) is quoted in Hansard as stating that Bishop Lamont "was subject to false charges and interned". The Bishop, in fact, pleaded guilty to the four counts under the Law and Order (Maintenance) Act, at the start of his trial. He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, to which sentence he appealed. He was never "interned" or detained in

any way. Later, Sir Bernard Braine (Essex, South East) stated: "The 1961 Southern Rhodesian Constitution, which if it had been accepted by the Rhodesian electorate, might well have led to a far happier future for the country." The position is that the 1961 Constitution tion is that the 1961 Constitution was accepted by the Rhodesian elec-torate in a referendum in which they voted overwhelmingly for its

acceptance.

Mr Joshuz Nkomo, then leader of the Nationalist Group, also accepted the proposed constitution then shortly after reneged on it.

Thirdly, Mr Kevin McNamera (Kingston-upon-Hull, Central) stated that in the trial of eight terrorists in August of last year, "the evidence was never published and the trial was in secret". This is not the case. Not only the evidence of the trial, but the judgment of the Appeal Court were published, acceptance. of the Appeal Court were published, and both trials were held in open court. Yours faithfully,

W. R. FERRIS, Director of Information, Department of Information, PO Box 8150, Causeway, Salisbury, Rhodesia

'The Times' reappears From Miss H. M. Root

Sir, I believe that Mr Collingwood (March 14) will find that his "Cambridge professor" was in fact Fray Luis de León who, after five years in prison under the Spanish Inquisition, returned to his students at Salamanca University in 1577 with the words Deciamos with the words Deciamos ayer ... " (as we were saying ayer ..." (as yesterday ...). Yours faithfully, HILARY M. ROOT.

From Mr Chaim Raphael Sir, It was horrible when The Times was out of joint and this joint was out of Times.

18 Bywater Street, SW3.

Yours restored, CHAIM RAPHAEL, 27 Langdale Road,

Instead of the Trees A Final Chapter of Autobiography

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 15, 1977: His Excellency
Mr Matthys Lask Botha was
received in audience today by The
Princess Margaret, Countess of
Snowdon and The Duke of
Gloucester. Counsellors of State
acting on behalf of The Queen,
and presented the Letters of Recall
of his predecessor and his own
Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of
South Africa to the Court of St
James's.

South Africa to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being received by Their Royal Highnesses: Mr J. F. Wentzel (Minister). Major-General H. R. Meintjee (Armed Forces Attaché), Mr J. S. J. Kruger (Minister—Commercial). Mr C. van der Walt (Director of Information), Mr S. J. Malherbe (Counsellor—Mining), and Mr C. G. Hide (Counsellor—Scientific).

nific).
Mrs Botha was received by The
Princess Margaret Countess of
Snowdon and The Duke of

James's.
CLARENCE HOUSE
March 15, 1977: The Lady Jean
Rankin has succeeded the Lady-inElizabeth Basset as Lady-inWaiting to Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother.
VENEZION BALACE

Queen Momer.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 15, 1977: The Duchess of
Gloucester this morating visited
the General Welfare of the Blind
factory at Luton.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a cocktall purty to be given by the Royal Yeomanry at the Cavalry and Guards Club to mark the tenth anniversary of the formation of the regiment, on April 1

The Duke of Kent, president of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, will attend the anniversary concert at the Festival Hall on

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Stanislas Idrikowski will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, on Friday, April 1, at

SITINUAYS TODAY
Sir Raiph Campbell, 71; Sir
Patrick Dean. 68; Lord De
Ramsey, 67; Air Chief Marshai
Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, 60;
Sir Ewart Jones, 66; the Most
Rev Dr N. A. Lesser, 75; Sir
James Miller. 72; Dr Charles
Newman, 77; the Duke of
Portland, 84.

The Stemult collection of por-celain from the wreck of the Witte Leeuw sold well above its estimates in 2 sale of oriental ceramics and works of art at Sotheby's yesterday. The 49 lots realized a total of

wreck sold for £16,015

sale of printed books, which countries, including West Germany brought a grand total of £35,748, and Switzerland.

A bound but incomplete run of unsold. A follo copy of the two-volume Hebrew Magna Biblia (estimate £2,500 to £3,000), and a Rabbinica, printed in Venice, Lalique glass car mascot of five 1525-28, went to Kingsgate Fine rearing horses £500 (estimate £350 Arts for £560 (estimate £300 toto £450).

Birthdays today

By Huon Mallalieu

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Martin Gilbert

Winston S. Churchill

Frank Muir

TheFrank Muir Book

Denis Wright

The English Amongst the Persians 1787-1921

Fiction

Paul Scott

Staying On

Judith Burnley

The Wife "a witty, literate attempt to see, rather than solve, problems of modern life" Financial Times



Latest appointments

Latest appointments include : Professor L. Hunter, of the chair of applied economics at Glasgow University, to be chairman of a Scottish advisory committee on pilot schemes of unified vocational preparation for young needle. Mr Roy Farndon, to be senior press officer at the Inner London Education Authority.

Church news Canon R. T. Holtby, secretary of

Correspondent

Sotheby's yesterday.

The 49 lots realized a total of £16,015, and the proceeds go to the Dutch Government as heir of the old East India Company, which went bankrupt in 1795.

Of the collection, 22 lots were bought by the Rijksmuseum, including a brown-glazed storage jar for which it paid £580 (estimate £40 to £50).

A Dutch buyer paid £500 for a large kraak porselein dish decorated with two birds of prey (estimate £100 to £150).

The whole sale made a total of £33,133, with 2½ per cent unsold, and the highest price was £520 paid by Blewett for a pair of K'ang Hsi egg and spinach bowlis (estimate £400 to £500).

Sotheby's completed a two-day sale of printed books, which brought a grand total of £35,748, with a very small proportion proceed. A folio conv of the twocanon R. 1. Holtoy, secretary of the General Synod Board of Education and general secretary of the National Society is to be Dean of Chichester in succession to the Very Rev Walter Hussey, who is to retire in August. Other appointments include: The Rev J. Aidis, curple of All Souls, Langham Place, London to be pre-cess Service adviser and under-berrelary of the Church Missionary Society. Society.
The Rev E. K. Bardsley. Rector of Narwood and Billadon, diocess of Exeter, to be pre-im-charge of Weste Giffard with Candeross, Lilleham and Monkleigh, Same diocese.

Mild spring brings colour to RHS show from Cornwall have come some magnificent blooms of Magnolia grandiflora hybrids. Camellias, too, are well shown.

The mild spring has brought many plants along earlier than usual, and the Royal Horticultural Society's show in the new hall at Westminster is full of cheering colour. The old hall is comfortably filled by the show organized by the British Orchid Growers roo, are well shown.

Not for many years have we seen so few plants submitted to the committees and receiving awards—only one first class certificate and four awards of merit and, almost incredibly, not one orchid—and this on the day of the orchid show. However, a first class certificate was awarded to Acer opulus var tomentosum, with yellow flowers, from the Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Awards of merit: Camellia Tristram Carlyon', rich carmine, from Association. In the new hall a gold medal In the new half a gold medal was awarded to Hillier's Nurseries for a charming group of flowering trees and shrubs which included Pieris Dorothy Wyckhoff' Corylopsis willenstiae with vellow catkins. Chaerometes Hever Castle 'rich salmon, and the rhododendrons 'Yellow Hammer' and 'April Chimes', lavender. Awards of merit: Camellia 'Tristrum Carlyon', rich carmine, from Tregrehom Camellia Nurseries; Rhododendron purmulatum, subject to naming, white with small crimson spots, from Major-General E. G. W. W. Harrison, St Tudy; Fritillaria carduchorian, terracotta, from Dr. J. Elliott, Ashford, and to Salix caprea var pendula, with yellow cations, from Hillier Nurseries.

Competition was keen in the rhododendron and camellia competitions. lavender.
There are several groups of daffodils and other hulbours There are several groups of affodils and other bulbous flowers; and in the middle of the hall is a group of hyacinths, daffodils, calceolarias and cinerarias from the borough of

arises from the borough of Hammersmith which received a gold meigh. There are exhibits of silver foliages plants; of herbs; of greenhes; e plants, including bill-bergias and vieseas. Acutea indica varieties, and standard fuchsias. For the rock garden plant on the rock garden plant petitions.
Leading prizewinners in the rhododendron competition: rnououenoron competition:
Four species: R. N. S. Clarke, Havwards Heath any species, one spraj;
R. N. S. Clarke, any species, one truss;
Mrs A. H. Potter, 'hentworth: four
hybrids: Edward Boschwen, Handeross;
any hybrid, one spray, and any hybrid,
one truss: Edward Boschwen.

The mild varieties, and standard fuchsias. For the rock garden plant enthusiast there are dwarf confers, the hardy orchids Pleione formosona in several varieties, and the yellow P. forrestii. In another group are to be found Ainga Burcundy Glow '. Symphytum grandiflorum. Helleborus orientiis, and many other desirable plants. There are also double lifac and double white primroses on show. The mild weather obviously suited the competitors in the camelia competition, as there are many beautiful exhibits.

Leading prizewinners: Camolia japolica, three varieties, one sprat of each; Str Giles Loder, Leonardise, C. Isaneica, three single varieties R. Shrauss, Ardinay, three semi-double varieties R. Shrauss, Ardinay, three memone or peoply flowered salvines shreet shreeties of the salvines of C. Japonica: R. Strauss, three varieties of C. Japonica: R. H. Ellis Horsham; three hybrids: Str Giles Loder. show.

Mr K. R. Wooster, of Little
Horwood, was awarded a gold
Lindles medal for a fascinging
chibit of forms of Primula
ultionii. Ferns. Zaniedeschia
"Green Goddess", and tries form
another interesing group, and The early spring show of the Alpine Garden Society drew many colourful entries.

Leading prizewinders:
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The old ball is amply iffled with orchids. In the maddle is a truly striking exhibit of cymbidiums, both of the large-flowered and miniature varieties, and a selection of enormous paphlopedilums or, as we know them of old, cymbidiums. It gained a gold medal for McBean's Orchids. There are some beautiful phalaenopses, whim and pink varieties, a few lovely odontodas and some carticyas, but most of the orchids are cymbidiums. That is not surprising, because they need very little heat, and in these days of rising fuel costs cymbidiums are bound to be popular.

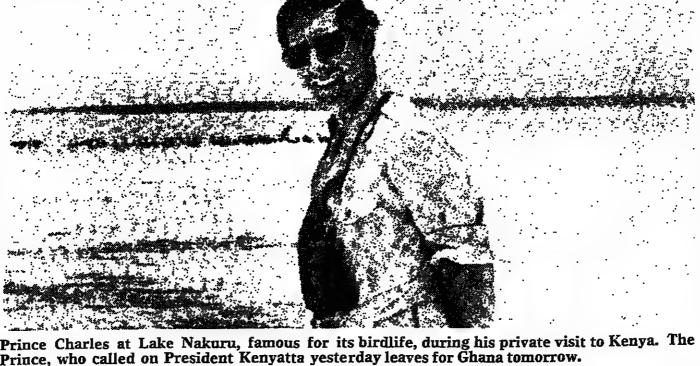
In the competitive class Mrs G.

to be popular.

In the competitive class Mrs G. Cotton, Solihull, led the field. She won first prize for 12 cymbidiums, 6 cymbidiums, 3 miniature cymbidiums, and 6 orchids, any genera; Mr A. C. Dawkins, Brentford, Icd for 3 phalaenopses; Mr E. Young, Jersey, for 6 paphiopedilums; Mr P. N. Watts, Oadhy, for 6 odontoglossums; while Wrs J. Kelleher, Orpington, staged the first-prize group of orchids and foliage plants. orpington, staged the first-prize group of orchids and foliage plants.

The show is open again today from 10 am to 5 pm.

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Prince, who called on President Kenyatta yesterday leaves for Ghana tomorrow.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. H. Baker and Miss S. G. Mahaffy

The marriage has been arranged between William Hugh, elder son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Hugh Baker, of St Augustine, Florida, and Sarah Georgiana, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Rupert Mahaffy, of 11 Cadogan Street, London, SW3.

Snowdon and The Dike of Gloucester.

Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Their Royal Highnesses was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Walting were in attendance.

His Excellency Monsieur Yong Shik Kim and Madame Kim were received in audience by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon and The Duke of Gloucester, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenibuctordary from the Republic of Korea to the Court of St James's. Mr M. G. Bersi and Miss P. J. Hart The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Bob Beral, of 42 Eversleigh Road, East Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Penelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Hart, of 72a Teign-mouth Road, NW2.

Mr A. H. G. Boardman and Miss C. Penn

and Miss C. Penn
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs T. G. Boardman, The Manor House, Welford, Northamotonshire, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mrand Mrs T. W. Penn. Manor Farm, Denton, Northampton.

Mr J. R. Peers and Miss E. R. W. Hill
The engagement is announced between James Roger Peers, of Blenheim Crescent, Loudon, W11, son of the late Roger Ernest Peers, CBE, and Mrs Rosatind Peers and stepson of Mrs V. J. C. Peers, and Elizabeth Rosamond Warren, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. J. W. Hill, of King's End Farm, Richborough, Sandwich, Kent.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts. Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at Admiralty House yestorday in honour of the Korean Ambassador and Mme Kim.

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Porcelain saved from Dutch | Cathedral's

£400), and Ad Orientum, a Suffolk dealer, paid £440 for A Dictionary of the Chinese Language, by the Rev R. Morrison, 1815-22, and 12 other volumes (estimate £20 to £40).

Christie's sold the first part of a private collection of inro, which brought £57,000 with aimost everything sold, and routine English watercolours, which made a total of £14,364, with 8 per cent brought in.

a total of £14,364, with 8 per cembought in.
Eskenazi paid £2,200 for a Shibayama-style four-case intro decorated with an Onl Nembutsu, a kind of devil, and other figures (estimate £1,500 to £2,000), and a repaired four-case intro by the trare artist Tokoku Fuzui went to a private buyer for £1,500 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500), Christie's South Kensington held a sale of motoring and associated material, which produced £23,977, with 8 per cent unsold. The principal buyers were mostly private

cipal buyers were mostly private but came from several European countries, including West Germany

Mr J. R. A. Naismith and Miss A. E. Macvicar

The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Dr and Mrs Robert Naismith, 320 Hilliard Street, Saskatoou, Saskatchewan, Canada (formerly of Huddersfield, Yorkshire) and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Macvicar, 39 Dick Place, Edinburgh. burgh.

Mr W. Plant and Miss P. Shawcross
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. R. G. Plant, of Dutch House, Beaconsfield, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Shawcross, of Eton College, Windsor.

Lieutenant R. G. T. Raikes, RN, and Miss J. M. MacGregor and Miss J. M. MacGregor
The engagement is announced
between Rowland, son of ViceAdmiral Sir Iwan and Lady
Raikes, of Aberyschr Court,
Brecon, and Julia, elder daughter
of Mr and Mrs Alasdair MacGregor, of Tregaer Mill, Mon-

Mr P. R. Boyle and Miss E. A. Muir and Miss E. A. Minr
The engagement is announced
between Peter, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs P. Boyle, of Weybridge,
Surrey, and Elizabeth, only
daughter of Colonel and Mrs
R. G. Mulr, of Wisborough Green,
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Mr M. A. Ford and Miss S. P. Williams The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mr netween march, only son or air A. Ford, of Ewell, and Mrs J. Ford, of Kemsing, Sevenoaks, and Sheridan, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs P. O. Williams, of Fairlie House, The Grove, Epsom.

Dinner

Junior Cariton Club Members of the political council of the Juzior Cariton Club entertained Mr Airey Neave. MP, at dinner yesterday. Mr Cyril Norton, chairman of the political council, presided.

Receptions Lord Crook

restoration

bill doubled

From a Staff Reporter

Lincoln

for 10 years.

Mr E. Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of the High Commissioner for Lesotho. Lord Crook was host at Trinity House, last night for the presen-tation of the British Sofety

Time and inflation are playing

Time and infinition are playing bayor with the financing and restoration of Lincoln Cathedral, it was reported yesterday. Next year's repair budget of £100,000 is double the estimate of five years ago, when a fabric fund was launched to raise £50,000 a year for 10 years.

A survey of outstanding repairs includes some considered necessary in 1880. It is estimated that 119,000 working hours, or 57 years, are involved for one stone-mason, and 13,000 hours for his labourer. There are also 13,000

hadourer, there are also 13,000 hours or seven years for a plumher, glazier, and 5,000 hours for a labourer, mainly on the windows. Those extinates take no account of the renewal of lead, now custing more than £400 a ton on the cathedral's 3.5 acres of poof

The cathedral has increased its staff of masous to six, and more stone is now being uncovered at the dean and chapter's own quarry off Ermine Street, a mile from the cathedral. It will be reughly shaped there before being finally dressed in the masons' shop.

The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice were present at a

Memorial service

Malvern College

University news

The council of the Senate have

proposed that honorary degrees should be conferred on the fol-lowing at a congregation on June

CAMBRIDGE

Mr Justice Cobb

mr C. J. N. Stephenson and Miss J. M. J. Cherry-Downes The engagement is announced between Christopher John Nash Stephenson, of Beech Knoll Cottage, Aldbourne, Wiltshire, son of Mrs B. W. D. Paul and the late Colonel C. B. Stephenson, and Jacqueline Mary Joan, elder daughter of Mrs G. Cherry-Downes, of Wyverns, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, Nottinghamshire, and the late Mr G. Cherry-Downes.

Mr N. B. Warren and Miss D. W. White The engagement is announced between Nicholas Barrett, only son of Mr and Mrs E. B. Warren, Forest House, Sliverstone, Northamptonshire, and Diana Wellstood, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. W. White, Wellstood House, Whittlebury, Northamptonshire.

The marriage announced between Mr Miles Jebb and Miss Sylvia Turton will not take place.

Marriages

Mr J. S. Humphrey and Mrs C. A. Hughes The marriage took place quietly in Cambridge on March 13 between Mr J. S. Humpbrey and Mrs C. A. Hughes (nee Summer-

Colonel M. C. Waddilove and Mrs K. G. Abbey The marriage took place in Venice, Florida, on March 15, 1977, between Colonel Malcolm Cyrus Waddilove and Mrs Kathleen

The National Liberal Club held a

Mrs George de Chabris. Among the guests were :

National Liberal Club

Benshis, Mr. L. Robson and Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Lord Rochssier, Mr. S. Ross, MP. Lady Secur. Mr. Fyrii Smith, MP. Lord and Ledy Tantsw. Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, MP. and hirs Thorpe, Mr. Richard Withwright, MP. Lord and Lady Wade, Lord and Lady Wigder, and the Earl and Counters of Winchelses. agement. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress were present, accompanied by the Sheriffs.

Hollingshead, Mr Henry Moore, of Old Dalby, Laicestershire

Sawyer, Mr William Thomas, of Corsham, Wiltshire, farmer

£196,290

farmer £123,223

Lady Teelock

Latest wills

reception yesterday evening in honour of Mr David Steel, MP, and Mrs Steel. The guests were received by Lord Rea, president of the club, Lady Byers and Mr and Mr and Chables Among The High Commissioner for Mauri-tius and Lady Teelock were hosts at a reception at the Common-wealth Institute on Monday to commemorate the ninth independcommemorate the units independence anniversary of Mauridus, March 12. Among the guests were ministers, members of diplomatic corps and citizens and friends of Mauridus.

The guests were: Earl Amherst, Lord Amutroe, Lord and Lady Bestument of Whiles, Mr A. J. Belth, MP, and Mrs Beith, Lord Spers, Lord and Lady Foot, Lord and Lady Cladwyn, Mr J. Criticond, MP, Lord Hampton, Lord and Lady Lloyd of Kligerran, Lord and Lady Mackie of Kligerran, Lord and Lady Mackie of Waterwheels of past may be generators of future

By Pearce Wright

Many waterwheels preserved for historical interest could soon be turning again to provide a small but important part of Britain's energy. That is foreshadowed in a deci-

sion by the Department of Energy to investigate the potential of water power in a special study with the Department of the Environment, the National Water Council and the National Associacouncil and the National Associa-tion of Water Power Users, which represents many of the 500 remaining operators of water-wheels and water turbines. The decision to recognize the contribution of water as a renew-able source of energy has come after a long hattle by the associa-

Today's engagements

Princess Margaret attends silver jubilee gale performance of Verther, in aid of the English National Opera and Sadler's Wells Benevolent Fund, London Coliseum, 7.20.

Exhibition of Great Britain stamps and postal history, Gibbons Gallery, 399 Strand, 9.30-4.30.

V. G. Thomason, Stouts Hill,

Uley. Joint exhibitions and music exhi

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Bowley, MD. consultant psychiatrist
and formerity chairman, department of
ididren and parents. Taylotock Clinic.
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University: G. R. Willey, Bowditch professor of Mexican and Central
American archaeology and ethnology.
Harvard.

Lunch-hour service: "The Value of Hope", by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, St James's Church, Piccadilly, 1.15-1.45. Lunchtime music: Hazel Hibbert, soprano, and Marion Raper, piano, St Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, 1.05.

more than enough power for large

modern buildings.

along with the research that is being supported belatedly into solar, tidal, wind and wave power, particularly as this form of energy has some advantages not shared by the others."

Countries such as Cumbria and

Lody, Recyc. Sir Fred and Lady Prit-chaid. Mr. Justice and Lady Mary-lose. Air Justice and Lady May Mary-lose. Air Justice Bristow Transure of the Middle Temple), Mr. Justice Purchab.

The Lord Chancellor and the Lord
Chief Justice were present at a memorial service for Mr Justice Cobb held at the Temple Church yesterday. The Master of the Temple officiated and Lord Justice Waller read the Jesson. Among others present were:
Lary Cobb twidow. Miss Catherine Cabb taughter. Steinen Lord and Lady Simon of Chiefale Lord Diplock. Lord Justice North and Lady Simon of Chiefale. Lord Diplock. Lord Justice Simon. Co., Mr John Plaile. Simon Simon

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, Olympia, 10-9.

OBITUARY

THE RIGHT REV S. H. PRICE

Bishop of Ripon

lege, Cambridge, and he com-pleted his training for the ministry at Westcott House, Cambridge. Ordained in 1945, he served his one and only ne served his one and only see.
assistant curacy at St He married in 1952 Pamela
Michael's, Bournemouth (1945 Mary Cooper, They had one became domestic son and one daughter.

The Right Rev. Stuart Hetley Price, Bishop of Ripon, died yesterday at his home at the Greer, for four years. He left Price, Bishop of Ripon, died yesterday at his home at the age of 54.

It was only just over a week ago that he announced his resignation because of ill-health. He was enthroned in April last year. He succeeded to the bishopric on the retirement of Bishop Moorman.

Born on June 14, 1922, the son of F. L. Price, of Loughborough, he was educated at Loughborough Grammar School and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and he comchester for the last six of those years, before becoming Suffragan Bishop of Doncaster in the diocese of Sheffield, five years ago. This was a new suffragan

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MR GERALD RIVINGTON

Robin Hyman writes:

The death of Gerald Rivington in London on March 2 marks the end of the Rivington marks the end of the kivington family's involvement with the well-known publishing company bearing their name, a link which extends back to 1711 when Charles Rivington put up the sign of the Bible and Crown in Parernoster Row.

More than fifty countries from Bangladesh to Bolivia have accepted the Duke of Norfolk's invitation to arrange flowers in Westminster Cathedral at the end of June and beginning of July.

The Duchess of Norfolk is president to the interior lessival of flowers and music in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund and the cathedral appeal. India is sending, by air, a florist and flowers, which will have to be picked in the Himalayas because of the season. Indonesia is creating its national bird, the curuda, in flowers, and Israel is making a large Star of David in flowers. The original partership was sold to Longman in 1890 but in the previous year a new firm had been formed by Septimus Rivington (who had been a partner for 22 years in the old firm of Rivingtons) together at first with John Guthrie Per-cival. Septimus Rivington was joined in 1915 by his cousin, Gerald Rivingson, who took charge in 1926, Their achievements, in a business which pever had more than eight members of staff, were quite remarkable. Between them they Mr John Phair Grimshaw, of Barustaple, left £309,374 net. After specific bequests he left half the residue to the Institute of Cancer Research, and half equally between the Royal Masoulc Benevolent Institution and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Everitt, Mr Tom Howard, of Upper Norwood, London £85,359 Eveson, Mr Walter Henry, of Churchill, Worcestershire, company director £133.791 Hanner, Colonel Sir Griffin Wyndham Edward, seventh bart of Whitchurch, Salop, £1,181,492 Hollingshead, Mr Henry Moore, published an impressively large with affection and respect by number of successful educa-tional books, including North different walks of life.

and Hillard's Latin Prose Com-position and Greek Prose Com-position, Abbott and Mans-field's Primer of Greek Grammar, the nine volumes of Periods of European History, Edwards Notes on British History and Notes on European History, and Borchardt's Arithmetics

Gerald Rivington sold the business to Evans in 1962, but right until his death he re'ained an alert internst in the publishing world and in the books he had helped to create. His many activities outside publishing included serving for 11 years as chairman of the Governors of Harrow School, and helping for many years with the administration of the Garrick Club of which he was a devoted member for 59

in the United Kingdom and

more recently served on the Government's new Advisory

taken an important part in the work of the YMCA. He was vice-president of the World Alliance of YMCAs from 1955

to 1965, chairman of the World Alliance Standing Committee on refugees from 1965 to 1969,

and, in 1969, was elected world president of the World Alliance of YMCAs. He was made a CBE in 1974.

MR B. F. POOL

Mr Bernard Frank Pool, CB, CBE, Director of Navy Contracts at the Admiralty from 1948 to

1960, has died at the age of 80. A barrister, he had become

Assistant Contract Officer in 1915, was Assistant Director of

Contracts from 1936 and Deputy

Director from 1940. After his

retirement he was treasurer of

the Navy Records Society from 1960 to 1971. He was also a Councillor, Society for Nautical Research, from 1968 to 1972. Among his publications were Navy Board Contracts, 1660-

1832 (1966) and The Croker Papers (ed. 1967). He was made

He had also for many years

Committee on Pilotage.

MR DAVID ROBINSON 1974 Report on Marine Pilotage

Mr David Robinson, CBE, JP. former chairman of Stag Line Limited, the North Shields shipping company, and a past president of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, died suddenly in London on March 3. He was 66. He was the fourth generation of the family shipping company of which he was chairman until he retired in 1975 after 43 years'

Mr Robinson was a member of the Steering Committee on Pilotage which produced the

MR DENNIS AUTON

Mr Dennis Lovell Randolph Auton, OBE, chairman of Young & Rubicam Ltd, the advertising firm, died on February 4 at the age of 56. Dennis Auton joined Young & Rubicam as an art director in 1951. In 1960 he became creative director and was appointed to the board. In 1970 he was made deputy chairman add in 1971 he was appointed chairman.

Dennis Auton was a Council member and Fellow of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising—and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of the Arts. Re was president of the Advertising Creative Circle in 1974 and 1975. He was made an OBE in the New Years Honours List. tion. Mr J. M. Hopkinson, its secretary, says the lack of awareness of the value of this source of power is astonishing.

He says thousands of former sites of waterwheels could be used to generate electricity for commercial premises and houses.

'These should be developed along with the research that is He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

tenant of Cornwall, died on March 14 at the age of 69. She was Cynthia Mary, daughter of Walter Burns. She married her in 1939. husband in 1928 and was made by the others."

Countles such as Cumbria and Corowall have more than 5,000 sites at which water power was once used, and some of the wheels used by mills in the Lancashire and Yorkshire valleys generated an OBE in 1959.

Air Commodore Alan Pyke, CE, OBE, CEng, FMechE, died on March 11 at the age of 55.

The Rev Canon Philip Henry Cecil, the Residentiary Canon and Treasurer of Peterborough Cathedral, has died in hospital at the age of 58. Lady Dorothy de Verteuil,

widow of St Yves de Verteuil, died on February 21 in Tobago. She was the third daughter of the second Earl of Cranbrook and she was married first in 1907 to Rupert D'Oyly Carte.

The marriage was dissolved in 1942 and she then married St Yves de Verteuil. He died

CBE in 1951 and CB in 1957.
He married, in 1932, Hazel
Violet, daughter of Charles
Ambrose. They had one son and one daughter. Lady Carew Pole, OBE, wife Commodore Sir James Easton, of Colonel Sir John Carew Pole, KCMG, died on February 13 Bt, DSO, TD, JP, Lord Lieu at the age of 61. She was Anna Mary, daughter of Lieu-tenant-Coionel J. A. McKenna, of Ottowa, and she was married

Lady Petter, widow of Sir Ernest Petter, the distinguished engineer, died on February 22. in her 100th year. She was Lucy Ellen, daughter of Charles Hop-kins, and she married Sir Ernest Petter as his second wife

in 1935. He died in 1954. Mr Reginald Laing Brooks, ChE, who served overseas with the Forestry Commission in Uganda, Trinidad and Ghana, died on March 11 at the age

Viscountess Gough, widow of the fourth Viscount Gough, died on March 9 at the age of 74. She was Margaretta Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir Spencer Maryon-Wilson, Bt, and she was married in 1935. Her husband died in 1951.

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, March 14, 1952 Television in Scotland

From Our Radio Correspondent .
Television reaches Scotland today with the opening of the BBC transmitting station at Kirk o'Shotts by Mr James Stuart. Secretary of State for Scotland. At first the service, carrying the same enter-tainment programme as the existing stations at Alexandre Palesting Stations at Alexandre Palesting. ing stations at Alexandra Palace, Sutton Coldfield and Holme Moss, will be on an experimental basis

transmitters are ready. This intermediate step has been taken in
order to present relevision over the
border at the carliest possible date,
and it is expected that a satisfactory service will be provided at
once over a large area including
Edinburgh and Glasgow, but reception will be more liable to interference than when the high-power
transmitters come into operation
later in the year. The station will
then have a potential audience of then have a potential audience of well over four million and will thus extend the television service to about 70 per cent of the population of the United Kingdom.

Science report

Psychology: Reasons for thumb-sucking

Malvern College

Entrance scholarships and Exhibitions. 1977: Major scholarships: S. P. Morris, Sherborne Preparatory School; R. Marples. The Dragon School, Oxford; D. C. Wilson, Northaw School, Oxford; C. C. M. Eastland, Ripon Catholishibury; E. M. Williams, Birchfleld School, Albrighton. Minor scholarships: J. H. J. Probert, Seaford Court, Malvern. Exhibitions: P. Titchener, Alleyn Conrt and Malvern College; G. F. Wilkinson, The Elms and Malvern College; P. A. Lee-Browne, Stous Hill, Uley; G. C. Vickers, West House, Birmingham: R. C. W. Mason, St Neots, Eversley; A. Buwbrook House, Pershore. Few parents today worry too much if a child sucks its thumb: medical opinion has swung away from the belief that the habit is evidence of the child's insecurity or that it will cause permanent distortion of the teeth. Yet there is still much argument about whether thumb-sucking is normal. A recent research report from Turkey offers a simple explanation that conforms with common experience. with common experience.

Two Turkish psychiatrists set out to identify any differences between thumb-sucking children and those who never or hardly ever suck their thumbs or fingers. More than 600 children aged between one and seven and their tween one and seven and their mothers were examined.

The children who sucked their thumbs had in general stopped breast-feeding several mombs earlier than the others: the thumb-

suckers were more likely to have been fed on a regular schedule rather than on demand, and they came more often from educated families.

The most striking difference, however, was in the mother's

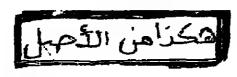
The most striking difference, however, was in the mother's routine for getting the child to sleep at night. When the mother's stayed with their babies, singing to them, rocking them or continuing to offer the breast or a bottle until the child went to sleep, the children hardly ever sucked their thumbs as they grew older. In contrast the usual pattern with the thumb-sucking children was that the mothers left their rooms after putting them to hed, leaving them to go to sleep alone.

alone.

The Turkish psychiatrists believe that sucking is a reflex activity that occurs during light sleep or

at the time of going to sleep.

If an infant is being fed by breast or bottle while falling asleep he is unlikely to form the habit of thumb-sucking and if he is being rocked in a cot or on his mother's lap the sucking instinct may be deterred. In either case thumb-sucking is unlikely to become part of the routine of falling asleep. In contrast, children left alone without breast, bottle or dummy or other soothing stimuli will, they argue, develoo the habit of thumb argue, develop the habit of thumb-sucking. Gradually they will ex-tend it to other stresses, such as hunger and amojety, and the habit may then persist throughout child-



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The market

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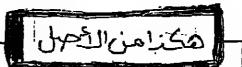
By Our Medical Correspondent British Journal of Medical Psycho-logy (March, 1977, p 95).

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BUSINESS NEWS



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Two bids passed to monopolies panel but Lonrho gets go-ahead

Associated bid for Serck, he valve and heat exchange ngineers, has been referred to he Monopolies Commission, by Ar Hattersley, Secretary of state for Prices and Consumer

The announcement, which surprised the stock market and AE directors, came with the news that Mr Hattersley had decided not to refer the proposed merger between Lourho and Dunford & Elliost.

At the same time, however, another contested bid—that by Sketchley for Johnson Group Cleaners has been referred to In the case of both AE and Sketchley, the reference has been made under "size of assets" criterion of the 1973 Fair Trading Act which enables Monopoles Commission

investigation if the company to be acquired has assets of over 55m. The commission has five months to report in each case.

AE's nine-for-ten share bidfor Serck will now lapse and a
spokesman for the bidding
group said last night that the board will meet later this week to consider whether to return if commission approval is forthcoming. Sketchley also declined to say whether it will repeat its bid for Johnson.

Of the three merger proposals, Lourho's £15.2m cash bid for Johnson.

for Dunford & Elliott, which came as a counter move to Johnson & Firth Brown's £11m However, it is thought that the Office of Fair Trading had noted that, in contrast to the situation at AE and Serck, there were no monopoly implications, while Dunford's management and workforce welcomed the

In the case of AE it is thught that there were worries that a merger would create an overlap of up to 90 per cent in certain markets-albeit minor onesand that major customers could be tempted to look for overseas suppliers under their policy of second-sourcing".

At the same time, despite assurances from AE, the Office of Fair Trading clearly had in mind the loudly expressed fears of the Serck workforce sbout forure employment in certain compatible areas.

The Sketchley bid presumably In Sketchies in presumably provided a more simple issue. It is estimated that the two groups between them have between 25 and 40 per cent of the United Kingdom cleaning market and that the largest outside competitor controls only about 8 per cent.

There were worries, particularly, about local monopolies being created as well as about pricing policy in general.

The announcements caused sharp price movements in late stock market dealings. Asso-ciated Engineering leapt 61p to 104p, while Serck fell back 51p to 88p. Johnson Group Cleaners share offer for the group, aroused the most controversy.

Lord Ryder, chairman of the National Enterprise Board, des-

Mesa aims to develop Moray Firth oilwell

By Roger Vielvoys Energy Correspondent

Mess Exploration Group, in which P & O has a 15 per cent stake, is to go shead with the development of a small offield found in shallow water in the Moray Firth only 12 miles from

Mesa Petroleum, the operator for the group, said last 20 per cent; Cresienn Chelsea, night that after a feasibility 15 per cent; and P & O study and the results of the Perroleum, 15 per cent. study and the results of the first three successful wells on block 11/30, it was seeking approval from the Department of Energy for its development plans, which should be ready by the end of next month.

It will be the first new oilfield development programme for several years, and could

involve the construction of two steel production platforms and a pipeline.
Although the field contains
only an estimated 200 million barrels of reserves, the shallow water—150 feer—and closeness to land, make it possible to develop the field for between \$150m and \$300m (about £37m to £174m) a fraction of the cost for a similar sized field in much

deeper water. Mesa also announced last night that the fourth exploration well on the field designed to delineate the south-western

abandoned. This did not affect the commercial prospects for the field and another exploratory well would be undertaken

later in the year.
Mesa holds a 25 per cent interest in the consortium. Other shareholders are Kerr-McGee, 25 per cent; Hunt Oil, Chevron plans :

Petroleum may reconsider its plans for placing a £45m order for a steel production platform at Highland Fabricators at Nigg Bay, off Aberdeenshire, following a vote yesterday by 700 of the workforce to continue a

Shop stewards had recommended that the 1,800 workers should end the strike, which is over the completion bonus for the steel platform currently being built, also for Chevron. Bonuses of up to £850 had been offered but the men demanded a further £200.

Saudi setback : Bad weather in the Gulf during February has again prevented Saudi Arabia from achieving its plans to boost oil production to au average of 10 million barrels a day during the first three months of this year.

BP seeks gas in Canada

British Petroleum's Canadian subsidiary has acquired licences to explore for natural gas thought to lie above British Columbia coal reserves bougut by the company in January.

Along with Alberra Rastern Gas, which has a 20 per cent stake in the venture, BP Canada has acquired exploration licences for \$Can1,522,990 (nearly £847,000) on nearly £3,000 acres of land in the Monkman foothills. near Daw-Columbia coal reserves bought Monkman foothills, near Daw-son Creek; about 400 miles north-east of Vancouver.

How the markets moved

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stantial quantities of natural gas in other leases in this area. Production testing of wells at Sukunka, Bullmoose and Mast stablished the possibility of producing 123 million cubic feet of gas a day from reserves estimated at 660,000 million cubic feet.

cubic feet. British Columbia Petroleum Corporation has announced plans to build a gas line and processing plant that would link the area to the main Canadian gas pipeline system.

5p to 22p 6p to 66p 8p to 221p 5p to 50p 10p to 345p 14p to 94p

4p to 65p 3p to 41p 54p to 88p 5p to 325p 1p to 6p 5p to 192p 5p to 145p

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Sterling closed at \$1.7190. The effective rate was unchanged at \$1.738.5 (previous 1730.8).

Reports, pages 22 and 24

Easing of short-term interest rates | Sir John gives scope for further MLR cut

By John Whitmore Financial Correspondent Continuing easier conditions in the money markets brought a number of short-term interest a number of short-term interest rates back into single figures yesterday for the first time since last spring. This, in turn, pointed tentatively towards scope for a further cut, of half a point to 10½ per cent, in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate this week—should the authorities be prepared to the authorities be prepared to see the rate lower. The more relaxed conditions

in money markets of late arise largely from three factors. The first has been that the Government is again operating in deficit, with disbursements exceeding receipts. The second is the fresh overseas demand for the fresh overseas demand for sterling and the fact that the authorities have been meeting the tender at the end of the this demand by buying overseas week, would indicate, under currencies for the reserves and, in effect, issuing sterling in for establishing MLR, scope overseas the market related formula in effect, issuing sterling in for establishing MLR, scope overset the dollar of the stablishing MLR. this demand by buying overseas currencies for the reserves and, in effect, issuing sterling in order to prevent the dollar/ sterling rate rising above \$1.72. The third is the apparent lack of buoyancy in industrial demand for funds.

Electricity 3 per cent stock, a rate of its own choice.

Although little more than half this stock was probably left in the market, its redemption, together with last week's Treasury 62 per cent stock, has probably offset some two-thirds of last Thursday's claw-back of 1 per cent of Special Deposits (around £365m) from the banking sys-

As a result of all this yields on three month Treasury bills fell to 9 31/32 per cent yesterday. Prime bank bills also dropped below 10 per cent for three to six month maturities and other rates were generally lower too. This week's batch of local authority yearling bonds were launched on a 103 per cent coupon, against 111 per cent

for establishing MLR, scope for a fall from 11 to 101

It remains to be seen if the Bank will allow MLR to fall. It has stated that it would, In addition, yesterday saw re-demption of the £100m nominal hold MLR or lower it only to

Given the authorities' apparent wish to leave the Chancellor scope to offer further cuts in interest rates in the Budget, it may be that the Bank will deem this week ex-ceptional and hold MLR or cut it by only 1 per cent. One advantage of holding the

rate at this stage would be to create a potential stick to wield over the discount houses should next week's VAT payments tighten money market conditions and force the houses to turn once more to the Bank for assistance.
A considerable amount may

depend on activity in the foreign exchange market. A continued inflow of overseas funds might make it desirable to see interest rates lower if the Bank remains determined to prevent sterling from rising.

Also in the authorities' consideration will be the February money supply figures to be published tomorrow and more particularly, any indications on the subsequent trends from the March banking figures that are due to be made up today (though not published until early next month).

Top changes likely at Schroders

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarks Financial Editor

Financial generator Top level changes at Schroders, one of the leading City merchant banking groups, shortly. Mr are expected shortly. Mr Michael Verey is likely to say today that he will retire from the chairmanship at the annual meeting in May and that he will be succeeded by Lord

Lord Airlie is 50 and the brother of Mr Angus Ogilvy, Princess Alexandra's husband. He has been on the board of Schroders since 1970 and is also chairman of the main opera-tional arm of the group, mer-chant bankers J. Henry Schroder Wagg.

Since the departure at the beginning of February of Mr James D. Wolfensohn, who was brought in from Schroders' New York business in 1974 to be group executive deputy chairman, it has been widely assumed that Lord Airlie would take ever from Mr Versy who take over from Mr Verey who will be 65 in October. This change and others likely

to be announced today suggest that the difficult internal squabble at Schroders-one aspect of which concerned the possibility of Mr Wolfensohn taking over as chairman—has peaceably resolved.

Bonn boosts

investment



Mr Verey: expected to retire

top job, Mr John Hull is expected to succeed him to the important position of chairman f J. Henry Schroder Wagg. Moreover, Mr Hull, aged 52, barrister who became well known in the City during his two-year tenure to 1974 as director-general of the Takeover Panel, will also become joint deputy chairman of

The other joint deputy chairman is expected to be Mr John Bayley, group financial director who has spent some time recently with Schroders Inc and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation in New York. man of the Accepting Houses Committee, which represents the interests of the leading City merchant banks, will soon be come vaceur

Since Mr Verey is giving up active merchant banking it seems probable that he will retire from the chairmanship of the AHC, which he has held since 1974, in May, too. One possibility is that he will be succeeded by Sir Robert Clark, a deputy chairman of Hill Samuel and chairman and chief executive of its banking

Mr Verey succeeded Mr Gordon Richardson as chairman of Schroders in 1973 when Mr Richardson became Governor of the Bank of England. Although 60 when he took the chairmanship, Mr Verey agreed to go on until he was 65. His particular interest was to broaden the bank's inter-

national base. He has been with the group for 43 years, having joined Helbert Wagg, one of the com-ponents of the present group, in 1934. He holds a number of directorships, including the chairmanship of Brixton Estates and the vice-chairmanship of Commercial Union, which he intends retaining after his

N Sea ends stagnation

programme By David Blake Economics Correspondent

From Peter Norman Bonn, March 15 West Germany has decided to step up its planned infrastructure investment programme to more DM15,000m (about £3,640m) in the period to the end of 1980 the DM10,000m DM12.000m level previously

under discussion. In an unexpected announcement Dr Hans Arpel, the Bonn finance minister, said this evening that public orders vorth some DM3.300m would be placed this year to be followed by an order volume of

about DM4,500m in 1978. The programme, which is an important part of Bonn's plans to cut back unemployment, is due to be discussed by the cabinet a week tomorrow.

It will be carried out by the Federal Government together with the states and municipalities. At present it seems as if the Federal Government will contribute DM8,400m of the total and the states about

The Times index: 174.20 - 0.22

THE POUND

The FT index: 427.9 -0.9

buys 1.62 30.50 65.50 1.85 10.42 6.75 8.80 4.28 65.00

in industrial output

Buoyant production figures from the North Ses oil and gas fields meant that industrial output rose in January by nearly 1 per cent, breaking the pattern of relative stagnation which had set in towards the close of last year.

At the end of January the industrial production index stood at 103.9, up a full point from its December level. In the three months from November to January the increase was 1.3 per cent on the previous three mouths.

The narrower index manufacturing indus recorded a much smaller in-crease of only 0.3 per cent dur-ing the same three month

Most of the growth occurred Most of the growth occurred in the oil and gas related sectors of the economy, which together account for about 11 per cent of the total weighting of industrial production. The mining sector (including oil production) recorded a 9.8 per cent increase in the three months to the end of January and gas, electricity and water industries had a 9 per cent

growth.

Within the manufacturing industries, chemicals and textiles tared relatively well and metal manufacture bounced back in January after a sharp December drop. But growth in the engineering industries, which account for over 30 percent of total industrial production, was fairly slow.

tion, was fairly slow. Comparison between the January and December figures is made more difficult by the distorting effects of the Christmas and New Year holidays, which clearly depressed production more than usual this year.

Because the holidays were unusually long, the seasonal adjustments seem not to have been sufficient to cope with the holidays, so it is quite possible that the latest figures understate December's output by British producers of capital and thus make the improve- goods.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

The following are the index numbers for industrial production in January, seasonally adjusted released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday (1970=100):

1975 O1	104.7	106.1
Q2	100.3	100.5
Q3	99.7₽	99.86
04	100.5r	100.5r
1978 Q1	101.9r	101.9r
Q2 ·	102.4	103.6r
03	101.6r	103.6r
04	102.8r	104.3r
1976		10 (10)
September	100.0	100.1
October	100.6	100.7
November	100.8	100.9
December	99.9	99.6
1976	80.0	50.5
September	102.5r	104.5r
October	102.5r	104.6r
November	103.0r	104.6r
December	102.9r	103.7r
1977	102.31	100.11
	103.9	104.4
January D	103.0	104.4
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ment in January greater than was really the case. For this reason, the three-month figures reason, the three-month rightes are probably a more accurate guide to the way production is moving and they show that the production levels of industry is growing, but only at a gentle

What growth there is seem to be associated almost entirely with a rebuilding of stocks. During the three-month period, output of the intermediate goods industries (most notably fuel) went up 3 per cent. Production of the consumer goods industries went up by 0.6 per cent and, rather depressingly, investment goods industries increased their out-

put only 0.2 per cent. Although all the surveys suggest that investment will go up sharply this year, the expected increase does not so far seem to be reflected in extra output

Coffee tops £4,000 again

By Wallace Jackson

Commodities Editor tually regaining the positions they held before last Thurs-

day's prices collapse.
In morning trading July coffee went to £4,027,50 per tonne while the price for next January was £4,057.50. At the

had gained £272.50 per tonne on Coffee prices went back over the day to £4,062.50 while May the £4,000 a tonne level and was £233.50 ahead at £4,107.50. cocoa advanced strongly in the London markets yesterday, virup on Monday's close and May was £145 per tonne ahead. At the afternoon close "spot" March was at 52,664 per tonne, f258 ahead on the day, and May

bows out of 'the good life

Sir John Davis officially wound up his 15-year chairman-ship of Rank Organisation yesterday before a sympathetic audience of shareholders at a crowded annual meeting. In many ways, Sir John was very much the ebullient, in-

charge company chief. His quips and throw-away lines brought cheers and laughter from the meeting but the theme of his final statement was one of retrenchment and cash con-

Asset sales worth £13m have been agreed since the October 31 year end, he revealed, borrowings have been cut by £17m while the improved profit trends which were developing in the second half of last year are continuing. "At the end of the first 16 weeks, we are ahead of budget which is an encouraging start to the year ",

Nobody at the meeting was in any doubt that Sir John still held the company in deep affection. He even hinted at the nostalgia he felt toward the sole voluble, and dissenting shareholder who complained for several minutes on the sub-ject of Rank's disengagement from the film industry. The same shareholders' speech, Sir John recalled, "lasted over half an hour" when he first chaired the meeting at South Street 15 years ago.



Sir John Davis, left, and Mr Harry Smith, his successor as Rank Organisation chairman, at yesterday's meeting.

to continue in office until 73.

Just before the meeting approved the re-election of Sir Robert Shone also 70-years-old, Sir John neatly thwarted a question on the apparent increase in the boardroom's age by pointing out that "we're investing in youth with Mr Harry Smith who, at 59, takes

over the chair " No hint of the management troubles of the past two years, the Dowson affair and the difficulties of the non-Kerox activities was allowed to come to the surface. Like the share-holders, Sir John's 16 main board colleagues and 12 divi-sional chiefs clapped him hearting as he wrapped up the

70, and it is ironic that directors of that age can now stand for re-election once, allowing them good life", he said and talked of his close and valued friendship with the late Lord Rank. The two had talked of the future of Sir John, who had given a promise, just before Lord Rank died, that he "wouldn't give up the chairmanship until the traditions and management succession of the company bad

He gave no inkling of what his non-executive presidency or other business interests might involve—the restoration of Westminster Abbev where he is senior trustee takes much of his time—but he made it clear that Mr Smith would have satis-fied all Lord Rank's require-

Ray Maughan

Grindlays recovery to £30m profit

Sir John is, of course, now

Banking Correspondent

Last year's results from Grindlays were expected show a big recovery, but the figures announced yesterday surprised even the optimists. Thanks to a £38m turnround by its principal subsidiary, Grindlays Bank, the parent company, Grindlays Holdings, has produced 1976 pre-tax profits of £30.13m against a 1975 loss of £8.1m.

And the directors, who made a token interim payment after passing the group's dividend for three half-years running, have stepped up the final to bring the gross dividend for the year to 3.85p a share.

which have more than doubled within the past six months, another 10p higher to 74p. another 10p higher to 74p.

Although the problems with property loans which have beset Grindlay's merchant banking subsidiary, Brandts, are not yet entirely out of the way—there are still "substantial amounts" lent on which Grindlays Bank is not receiving any interest—the elimination of last year's f18m provisions against such loans has been principally responsible for the swing at Grindlays Bank from losses (before tax but after

losses (before 'tax but after provisions) of £7.64m in 1975 to profits of £30.45m in 1976. Financial Editor, page 21

EEC move to toughen steel measures

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 15

Tough new measures designed to restore the EEC's steel in-dustry to health are under preparation by the European Commission and are expected to appear on the azenda of the summit meeting of the Nine in Rome on March 25 and 26. Proposals, including the introduction of minimum prices and import licensing, are to be submitted to the commission for approval tomorrow by Viscount Etienne Davignon,

commissioner responsible for the steel industry. A draft of the new measures will then be forwarded on Thursday to the consultative committee of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in Luxembourg, which brings together commission officials. steel manufacturers and trade

union representatives. The new proposals are intended to reinforce the commission's existing measures based mainly on voluntary pledges by steel companies, or groups of companies, to limit their sales on the EEC market to specified levels. (There is no limit on produc-

tion or stockpiling.)
These existing measures, were introduced on which January and recently extended until the end of June. have had little discernible impact so far on the depressed

steel market, even though 90 per cent of producers are said to be abiding by them. deterioration in steel prices since last autumn, the commission now envisages the intro-duction of an obligatory mini-mum price for reinforcing bart on the basis of Article 61 of the ECSC Treaty, and the voluntary observance of mini mum prices for other stee

products. Some 60 per cent of produc-tion of reinforcing bars is accounted for by independent Iralian manufacturers who have been among the minority refusing to comply with the existing anti-crisis guidelines.

This explains the touzher proposed for this sector. In addition, the commission intends to propose a system of obligatory import licences. Although these would be issued automatically on submission of

s atistical data regarding price

and volume, Brussels apparently hopes that surveillance of this kind would discourage In the past, steel manu-facturers have always refused to accept minimum prices without an accompanying ban on imports. Such controls would fit hadly, however, with the EEC's generally anti-protectionist posture in international

trade negotiations.

Trust Houses Forte

Results:	1975/76 £m	1974/75 £m	% Increase
Trading Receipts	451.7	369.8	22%
Trading Profit	40.5	30.2	34%
Profit before Taxation	23.7	13,3	78%
Profit after Tax and minority interest	10.6	5,9	80%
Earnings per share	11.75p	6.84p	72%

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement

... the Company continues to show improved results and the future looks promising...

... Profit before taxation of £23.7 million is 78% higher we have acquired 35 hotels from J. Lyons & Co. Ltd. ... The Company is strengthening its position in the United States still further by the acquisition of the Knott Hotels Corporation ... During the year

our stockholding in Travel.odge International Inc. was increased to ... the industry provides jobs for 1,300,000 people in this country and is the fourth largest employer of labour ...

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Equities had a busy session.

Gilt-edged securities were strong

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Rotaflex Yeoman Investment Trust Preliminary Announcement: Leonard Tzirclough

had gained £233 per tonne to £2,610.50.

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Rescue proposals for footwear manufacturers being speeded up

By Derek Harris With foreign imports accelerating, the final drafting is being pushed through of a rescue scheme for British footwear manufacturers. This follows an agreement in principle over the package by the industry's tri-

partite steering group.

Among 50 recommendations expected to go shortly to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Endustry, are 10 which, if fully implemented could provide implemented, could provide around £10m in aid.

But even as the report, which has been two years in prepara-tion, reaches Mr Varley's desk, the threat from foreign imports

grows stronger.
The problem is a move in the United States to protect its domestic footwear makers from a 48 per cent penetration by overseas manufacturers.

President Carter has barely in value.

three weeks to decide what to to about footwear import curbs industry's workforce is now on

The British Footwear Manufacturers Federation estimate that if the American curbs are imposed about 125 million pairs ket. That leaves Europe, including Britain, as the prime substi-tute selling area. perhaps. Efta countries.

Foreign imports, some severely undercutting British products at the wholesale price level, have already carved out a much larger slice of the British market—some 42 per cent at the end of last year, a 20 per cent increase over the previous year.

Imports in January showed a rise to 14.2 million pairs worth £21.7m, the equivalent of an 18 per cent rise over the previous year and a 43 per cent increase

recommended by the United short time and trade union re-States International Trade Comjobs were lost last year.
It looks likely that the manufacturers' federation, backed by trade unionists, will press for urgent government action, probably the setting up of quotas for all foreign imports except those from EEC and,

> The steering group, which to cludes representatives of the industry, its unions and White hall departments, is expected in its final report to stress the imports problem as well as discussing the domestic industry's shortcomings.
>
> Schemes for improving expected.

port marketing are discussed, together with an increase in the industry's design capability Recommendations for aid, to be spread over a number of years, are expected to include some injection of funds under Section 8 of the Industry Act,

Wholesalers urge end to profits curb

By Our Commercial Editor A strong plea for the removal of gross profit margin controls on distributors and wholesalers when new controls on prices are introduced in August was made yesterday to the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection by the Federation of Wholesale and Industrial Distributors.

The federation, which repre-sents all non-food wholesalers, urged that only net profit mar-gin controls be kept for distri-butors. Lord Harmar-Nicholls, federation president, pointed out that with gross profit margins tied to historic figures established in 1973 the subsequent rises in wholesalers' costs were now having their effect and wholesalers were not generating enough profit to replace stock.

In its commentary on the Government's consultative document on price restraint the



federation representing

federation maintains that a three-month price freeze dur-ing an investigation by the Price Commission is "far too long and in itself an arbitrary

An appeal procedure should be built into the new code, the federation suggests. It also urges that wholesalers should be made exempt from the new code when more than 75 per cent of their business is in

unique in Britain at the moment and which is likely to contribute an ever increasing major addition to our balance of payments" and that an ever growing tourist industry is desirable. Surely it is time for the net

From Mr Nicholas Baker

Sir, The chairman of the

Tourism Development Commit-

tee of the British Hotels

tee of the British Hotels
Restaurants and Caterers Association (Mr W. Adkins) suggests (March 3) that this
country "is second to none in
its reputation of hospitality
and the way it receives its
guests". Both to me and to
many visitors whom I have
encountered this seems an over
optimistic view of standards in
our hotels and restaurants.

our hotels and restaurants.

I am however more con-cerned with the statements in

Mr Adkins' letter that tourism

a growth industry almost

cost of providing tourist services here to be adequately calculated instead of being dealt with in generalities of the kind contained in Mr Adkins'

Sir. May I suggest a simple

solution to the Bullock contro-

versy, coupled with a possible

should "lie on the table"

From Colonel J. M. Hopkinson immediately.

overseas visitors to Britain May I suggest that the following questions be carefully examined before any further growth in tourism in this country is encouraged:

The cost of providing services for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How much foreign labour is imported into this country in order to service hotels and restaurants which are the base for a tourist industry, after taking account of remission of earnings abroad and social security and welfare costs borne by the community? 2 What is the likely impact upon our inner urban areas of increased tourist traffic and any increase in the number of

hotels and botel rooms? 3. Consequent upon any expansion of tourism in our inner cities what would be the environmental effects of any out from the centre of inner urban areas into the rest of the

4. What are the differences in costs to the community of dif-ferent types of tourism, in particular cheap package tours at one extreme and individual

5. How can the pressures of noise, traffic, crowding invasion of privacy and use of public transport which acompany mass tourism be reduced. to make life more tolerable for residents in both inner with

areas and in tourist areas out side conurbations? I do not believe we can take for granted any more the bland assumptions by leaders of the assimptions by leaders of the tourist industry that tourism is an unmixed blessing which will bring nothing but benefit to the economy. The time has come for a good hard look at tourism

in this country and a full combenefit analysis. Perhaps the British Tourist Authority would make a start by answering the questions have posed. Yours faithfully.

NICHOLAS BAKER, North Dorset Conservative Blandford Forum. Dorset.

BSC in scrap buying policy talks

By Our Industrial Correspondent talks on the High-levet its controversial

scrap-purchasing policy are to take place at the end of this month between the British Steel Corporation and the Brirish Scrap Federation. Sir Charles Villiers, the cor-poration's chairman, has invited Mr Roy Boast, executive-vice-president of the ESF, for preliminary discussions. This meeting is expected to be followed by another session which will be attended by leaders of

the scrap industry. The scrap industry has been pressing for changes in the corporation's scrap purchasing policy for nearly three years and the pressure for change has been building up

The BSC's policy has split

the federation's membership and the two-tier buying policy under which suppliers of are categorized as direct and indirect suppliers of scrap to corporation plants has led to a great deal of disquiet.

According to scrap industry sources, the BSF will press the corporation to amend its policy to enable those companies which are able to supply 500 tons of scrap a week to BSC plants to join the list of direct

suppliers.
This, it is understood, would increase the number of direct suppliers from below 20 com-panies to about 70. The direct suppliers receive a premium payment over their indirect

The federation is also understood to be pressing for regular meetings between the corpora-

Private steelmakers intent on iron ore plant

First fall for 15 years in

world shipbuilding output

Poland

A firm decision by British private sector steelmakers to go shead with the construction of a £50m iron ore direct reduction plant on the north-east coast is expected to be announced by the end of this

The project has been discussed for about three years and will represent the first move by the steelmakers into the direct reduction process. The project will attract EEC and British government financial assistance, and it is understood that the plant will

be located at Jarrow. Principal participants in the consortium-North Sea Iron-

Plea by MPs on

Plessey closures

MPs from Mersevside and

the north east saw Lord Ryder.

chairman of the National Enter-

prise Board, in London yester-

day to discuss problems in their areas as a result of the Plessey

decision to close down northern

factories and make 4,000 re-

The board has been asked by the Prime Minister to report

on the investment potential of

the affected areas to see if the

impact of the Plessey affair can

Kirkby sit-in: Workers at the Kirkby Plessey Telecommunication plant on Merseyside where yesterday that they would maiotain a sit-in if supplies of components.

components were withdrawn to prevent the continuation of their 11-day protest.

By Malcoim Brown

dundant.

ness Steel—the United King-dom's first mini-mill steel-Consolidated Fields and its subsidiary, Tennant Trading.

Other partners are under-stood to include private sector steelmaker, Patent Shaft, Tube Investments on behalf of its per cent owned private sector company, Round Oak; Norway's Elkem Spigerverket, which owns the recently estab-lished United Kingdom mini-mill; Manchester Steel and Det Staalvalsevaerk Denmark.

Fiat of Italy has also apparently joined the venture and there is speculation that the German Thyssen group may also take an equity stake. Direct reduction of iron ore

Output of ships from the

world's shipyards at 33.9 million

tons, fell for the first time in

15 years last year, down 280,321

tons on the previous year.
Japanese shipbuilders had the

largest reduction in output—

down by more than 1.1m tons

on the previous year—but the

Japanese yards are still. pursuing aggressive marketing

policies to keep their yards occupied. Figures issued by the Japan Ship Exporters' Associa-

rion yesterday showed that yards obtained 40 contracts from foreign owners last month

totalling nearly 432,000 tons

deadweight compared with 20

export contracts in January.
The February intake of work

pelletized or briquette form, which can then be used as an alternative raw material to scrap in electric-arc steel-making.

Last November it was expected that Sheerness, Consoli-dated, and Tennant would take up to between 45-50 per cent of the equity with the balance shared between the other par-ticipants, although the final equity shares are expected to he completed tomorrow.

The consortium is expected to choose the Purofer direct reduction process developed by Thyssen which has already built a plant using this process in Brazil.

by Japanese yards was boosted

by an order for nine ships totalling 150,000 tons from

Last month, at a meeting of

the Organization for Economi

Cooperation and Development's

shipbuilding committee, Japan agreed to introduce measures

to curb its sales of ships in Europe. The Japanese Government has introduced a 5 per cent rise in the price of export ship contracts (although they

will still remain considerably below comparative European

Meanwhile, figures published by Lloyd's Register of Shipping

confirm the downward trend in

output. Nevertheless, last year's output was the second highest

Output, which could reach an annual capacity of up to 800,000 tonnes will be shared

keting world-wide the surplus connage.

Tennant is one of the United Kingdom's leading suppliers of ferro alloys to steelmakers and it is expected that it will nego-tiate fixed tonuage long-term suppy contacts to customers both in the United Kingdom and in Europe who are outside the consortium.

It is widely expected that the ore for the new plant will be shipped to the United Kingdom from South America and South Africa and will involve construction facilities.

The plant is likely to employ between 200-300 workers when it is in operation and the likely

Terms of peace pact agreed

At the end of six hours of talks the 10-day unofficial strike of 450 men in the transport workers' union at the Linwood plant of Chrysler (Scotland) was resolved yesterday after half the labour force of 6,000 had

disputes, which the union had refused to sign until now and had been the cause of talks breaking down, had now been signed by six senior shop stewards of the transport union. Peter Waymark writes from Cassers Will Don Londer Chrysler vice-president for Europe, said here yesterday should meet its objective of

at Linwood

been land off.

produced by the company out-lining procedure for industried Mr Don Lander.

should "lie on the table". For the trial to be of any value, there should be no feather-bedding. Government or NEB subsidies should be limited to those already promised. No loans or guarantees for loans chould be made by the Government or any public bodies. The company should borrow, when necessary. lic bodies. The company should borrow, when necessary,

public. In this way, the issue would be judged by the usual criteria of performance, profits

Mr John Carty, the convener of shop stewards at the plant, said that the decision had still to be accepted by a meeting of the workforce but he believed this was a formality. He said that the document

necessary. If the trial is a failure, we shall at least know that Bullock is either unwanted chance to save British Leyland? that Bullock is either unwanted by the workers, or unworkable. If, however, this unique opportunity is seized by the Leyland workforce, determined with enthusiasm to make it a great success, not only will British Leyland be saved, but it would prove that Bullock can work. In many ways, Leyland would be the ideal subject for the rial, but some special latitude The plan is to make Leyland a test-bed for Bullock. I suggest a three to five year trial, the choice to rest with the TUC. Meanwhile the Bullock Report trial, but some special latitude would have to be given to the

new board to sort out the tangle the company has got into regarding differentials and also the difference between plants. I suggest that the new board should be permitted to correct these within the total limits of Phase 3 of the Pay Code, for example, the board might decide that any increase If equity capital is raised, half should first be offered to the public, not underwritten by the Government or public bodies. The other half should be put should go wholly to groups of up by the NEB pari passu with the amount subscribed by the workers whom it deems to have been unfairly treated in recent

One free tip to the new board criteria of parformance, profits
and prospects.

—why not call the proposed new Mini, the Leyland Bullock?

It should have a ready sale to

eyland—a test-bed for Bullock? (95 per cent) lies with the NEB, no Act of Parliament would be abroad. Yours faithfully, J. M. HOPKINSON.

Chairman, Automatic Business Machines Limited, 11 Wyfold Road, London, SW6.

From J. V. Burgess
Sir, Two days ago I received
a letter from a friend working overseas, who will be retiring shortly and coming to live in this country, asking me a place an order for him for Mini Clubman Estate car.

This morning there arrived the following telexed message:
"In view Leyland chaos if no committed on Mini Clubman Estate please change to Ford Escort 1300 Estate." British Leyland workers may

be interested to learn that have done as requested. Equality they may ponder the fact that this is unlikely to be an isolated case. J. V. BURGESS, Garden Cottage, Holmbury Hill Road, Holmbury St Mary,

Company liability and subsidiaries

From Mr B. A. Baldry Sir. The principle of limited liability continues to serve the generally useful purpose of encouraging individuals to put their money to work without risking their all. This usefulness is questionable in the case of the proprietor/manager and the concept is grossly abused when a company can avoid its caution of incurring them

Since it is probably too much to hope that MPs will spend quietly at home with their wives the time during which they will not now be debating devolution, perhaps they would care to devote five minutes no more-to the enactment of a Companies (Implied Guarantees) Bill which would auto-matically impute a guarantee liabilities of any subsidiary

interest of, say 75 per cent or There are no doubt more colourful contenders for a space in the vacuum but there can be none more sensible. Yours faithfully, B. A. BALDRY. Tenth Floor, St Nicholas House,

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Grindlays on the rebound

indlays is being remarkably y about the whys end where res of its f38m pre-tax profits amound, but certain elements it emerge quite clearly. First, group has started to run wn the tax losses an estima-if40m built up in the United agont over the two preced-y years: and the implication that the United Kingdom evations are profitable for all at the group is still taking thing into profit on some of a property loans incurred by andts—down to £78m at the 75 balance sheet date, and

75 balance sheet date, and till improving."
Secondly, if the United Kingmi side is coming good the erseas side must be good ready, the group admits to a per cent improvement prex, and a tex charge of £14.5m r the bank imples well over the line. And third, a 15.4 per cent dividend proa 15.4 per cent dividend prodes any purchasers at last ght's 74p with a mere 5.2 per art in dividend yield, the fact at Grindleys is paying so much its first year of recovery imlies better things once the

olders now, though, is whether to group will be going in for in exercise in sterngthening ne balance sheet in the mean-me. True, retentions of £13m thin the bank represent "an nportant increase in capital een compensation for the deletions of the two preceding ears in the cash and loan stock njection arranged by Lloyds nd the bank's big minority older, Citibank, 18 months

But Grindlays, like every tritish bank, and to a greater ment then most because of its involvement in overseas inking has been suffering reclation on its deposits, and he consequent erosion of the prio of capital to debt. And teither the presence of two owerful shareholders nor the newly impressive profits per-formance remove the old argurents in favour of a rights. mitalization f25.2m

Carnings per share 19.8m "iridend gross 3.85p (Nil)"

Pentos

New style <u>conglomerate</u>

Sright young men from the orporation have, understand has been in the pest. For a bly, tended to be an emarkant the Lyons deal is being funded on very advantageous ecent years, and it is possible terms, while the inclusion of the hotals for a ten month with that unfortunate tertiary period in the current year should mean at least £2m additional profits. ng about Pentos. He is chair tion to profits. Even though it onglomation of unconnected applicable to T susinesses held together more y an instilling to strip out the han by any form of commercial

The conglomerate formed by aper transactions and left in the physical form only by the sassage of time and by the fall rom fashion of paper deals as means of breaking up undertilised companies is a frequent light on the market these days. And it is easy to see Pentos and it is easy to see Pentos
in this form. Certainly, the
hare price has ignored the
group's earnings growth in
ecent years and its rating sugtests that this is the general
lew of the group. Is it a misconceived view?

Two common themes run hrough Pentos: Mr Maher's nanagement links—which pre-late the establishment of equity control in the main group com-panies—and the commercial agic of combining volume ales operations whether they be books, greenhouses or en-

gineering valves. In 1976 Pentos produced profits of £2.96m on sales of £36.5m. The bookselling and publishing group provided the bulk of the improvement, as the application of modern marketing methods and the expansion of book and-related product retailing ourlets had the effect of capitalizing on the existing goodwill and long-established book lists of

previously sleepy family con-trolled publishing companies. This concentration of marketing effort has had its effect on the garden and leisure side as well, where greenhouse and garden product sales initially linked to a limited number of garden centres have now been pushed into the chain stores. some 90 per cent of greenhouse sales are now through stores, and the addition of Pentos products in the latest Sears and Roebuck catalogue in the past month raises the possibility of rising United States sales.

On the engineering front, licences for the production of gas valves give Pentos a simple volume sales product. And the system building business again falls into the range of easily marketed volume products, in this case counterbalancing the slump in demand at home by export sales, particularly to the Middle East.

At 57p, unchanged on the results, the chares yield a well covered 10.4 per cent on a p/e ratio of just under 6. I think this is too cautious a rating that owes more to prejudice about an FNFC protege than to any rational consideration of Pentos's performance. Final: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £11.4m Sales £36.5m (£29.5m) Pre-tax profits £2.96m (£2.25m) Earnings per share 9.61p (9.43p) Dividend gross 5.913p (5.375p)

Trust Houses Forte

A transformed

balance sheet Events have partly overtaken

Events have partly overtaken. Trust Houses Forte's latest balance sheet with the purchase of the Lyons hotel interests, sale of the Terry sweet business and disposal of its Thomas Cook stake since the October, 1976, balance sheet date.

Even when these are taken into account, there is no disputing the growing strength of what used to be thought a dicay balance sheet.

Indeed, the latest events are more likely than not to reinforce the view that the balance sheet is unlikely to be the constraint on the share price it has been in the past. For a start the Lyons deal is being that the lyons deal is being the constraint on the share price it has been in the past.

Even though intra-group debt applicable to Terrys will rub some of the shine from the Colgate Palmolive deal, the £171m it will get from its sale will comfortably cover the down-payment on the Lyons hotels. Meanwhile, the larest balance

sheet shows an impressive build-up in THF's net liquid resources with the rights issue helping to push up cash and short-term deposits from £9.7m to £28.6m while bank over-drafts have fallen from £14.3m to only £3.3m and could be further boosted if rumours about an imminent sale of Lilly-

whites prove correct. Gearing has not improved appreciably with overest loans pushed up some £37m to £208m as a result of sterling but at least the overseas content of f135m is more than matched by asests of f148m and share-inciders funds are almost two-fifths higher at f125.7m thanks to the rights proceeds and a COm revaluation in the Travelodge interests in the Low retentions, meanwhile, are hardly a problem for a group that is heading for £33m profit ex-Lyons this year. But the question overlanging the shares after the way they have pusperformed the market since last year is how much further to go, especially as there will be cum-dividend buyers until party May which may still early May which may still early May which may still early May which may still induce Allied Breweries to part

with its one-lifth stake. Accounts: 1975-76 1974-75 Capitalization £153.6m Net assets £125.7m (£90.8m) Borrowings £183.4 (£175.2m) Borrowings Liouv (£13.3m) Pre-tax profit £23.7m (£13.3m) Earnings per share 11.75p (6.84p)

Brooke Bond Liebig Tea price

conundrum

The good news from Brooke Bond Liebig is that more than half the £6.8m increase in the half-year profits of £16.7m before asset sales came from other sources than the soating price of tea, which, according to one estimate could reach 30p a quarter by the end of the

54 per cent in the six months but while the oversess planta-tion companies benefited, the United Kingdom rea companies did not. Difficulties in raising retail prices at a time of soaring tea values were created both by the market place—although there was no drop in consumption—and Price Commission wales.

mission rules. The rise in profits was split almost equally between the United Kingdom and overseas. unted kingdom and overseas, and in the United kingdom it came from a more buoyant market in the Oxo,Fray Bentos and wholesale meat business (where there was a fim turnround from losses) and at Parters the meanthroundered Baxter's, the recently acquired meat retailer, which bucked the trend in its sector.

Estimates for the year start at £35m and the only worry for the shares at 55p where the prospective yield is 7p per cent is that even the British might get fed up with the price of a

Interim: 1976-77 (1975-76) Unpitalization E114m Sales E334.9m (£257.7m) Pre-tax profits £16.8m (£10.2m) Dividend grass 1.18p (1.06p)

Herbert Morris

Next move to Babcock

Herbert Morris has a dilemm It wants to remain independent yet, with Babcock & Wilcox string on 39 per cent of the equity, it recognizes that this is now probably winful thinking and has been courting other

Clearly, the Babcock offer of 148p a share is not enough— providing a exit p/e of only 4.3—and Morris is right to fight it at this level.

But if Morris has a strong case on the terms of the offer and on strict moral grounds, its defence looks somewhat shaky on the grounds of industrial logic. Babcock may not have had a particularly successful early venture into cranes but it now has ACCO.

Babcock has turned down an offer for its stake said to be worth over 200p a share (the Takeover Panel may yet be asked to look into comments made by the Morris chairman, Mr Patrick Robinson last week on this subject) and while Babcock may have to increase its offer again to win it will by no means necessarily match

200p. But with the Morris shares standing at 193p, the market thinks that a revised offer is

Leyland: the Ryder plan in ruins?

British Leyland's share of the domestic

to 26.3 per cent in the fourth quarter of

from 30.9 per cent in 1975, and had slumped

The company's car output rose by 14 per cent last year compared with 1975, helped by the impact of sterling depreciation on export demand. But it was still 200,000 units

short of targets. Disputes at Rubery Owen

and the toolroom strike have caused a

market fell in 1976 to 27.4 per cent

last year. This compares with the

33 per cent of the market.

at a standstill.

Ryder report's objective of securing

"I think there could easily arise a situation where neither I nor my board would recom-mend that the Government should pur more money into Leyland. I do not think that is too difficult, too unlikely or too remote a possibility. . . . "

That was the view expressed nearly a year ago by Sir Richard Dobson, the former tobacco industry chief coaxed by the Government into the British Leyland boardroom to succeed the late Sir Ronald Edwards as part-time chairman. Those words are no longer a

speculation, but cruel reality. For just two weeks ago the Leyland directors went to their parent National Enterprise Board to say that because the enough cash they cambi recom-mend the injection of further public funds into this side of

their business.

Apart from the toolroom strike, Leyland has been in trouble for some months, with inventories and capital schemes ravaged by inflation and sales targets missed through labour disputes and poor productivity. Not one director can place his hand on his heart and declare that there is any chance of delivering the £1,500m of trading profits required between 1977 and 1983 under the Ryder reorganization plan. reorganization plan.

reorganization plan.

In the summer of 1975 the Department of Industry bought some 78 per cent of the old BLMC's equity for £46.49m and in October, 1975, subscribed a further £200m of taxpayers' monies for new shares in a reconstituted company. British Leyland, This gave the Government 95 per cent of the shares ment 95 per cent of the shares in the new concern, which had a new £47,500 a year chief executive, Mr Alex Park.

Almost half the £200m was promptly used to pay off some exceptional loans that had kept the motor giant affoat during 1975. These were over and above normal overdraft facilities and backed by state guarantees. The result was that Leyland was left with £100m for the grand designs for the company's future drawn up by the Government appointed Ryder committee of inquiry.

In January, 1976, the Government reaffirmed that Ryder's proposals remained the basis for future reorganization and a month later transferred its shareholding for a valuation of £246.49m to the new state holding company, the NEB, whose chairman was none other than Lord Ryder.

One of Mr Park's first acts was to go to the clearing banks renegotiate the overdraft facilities, and there was also a big rise in cover from the Exports Credit Guarantee Department. So Leyland went into last year with £100m, some extra short-term borrowing and the prospect of drawing investment capital from either the NEB or the department, or both

Within a few months, the board, now headed by Sir Richard, former chairman of what is now BAT Industries, had prepared a corporate plan and told the NEB of its imme-

and told the NEB of its immediate financing needs. Indices of productivity and industrial disputes had been improving.

The corporate plan covered the period 1975 to 1983. It has not been published, but it apparently indicated that the profits to be generated would cover only increased working cover only increased working capital requirements. would be a negative cash flow for some years, and even capi-tal expenditure might be initi-ally slower than forecast when Ryder projections first became the base of Leyland's recon-

Lord Ryder told the Government that the group's new cor-porate plan was a sound framework and urged the provision of £100m of public funds for refurbishing factories and starting new model development programmes. That was in June last year. Lord Ryder, prisoner of his own arithmetic and statements, could hardly back down. His team, put together when he was Cabinet industrial adviser, estimated that £1,400m would be needed by Leyland from outside sources by 1980-

slump in output over the past four months, with production of 11 out of 18 models 81, of which £900m had to be found by September, 1978. It was on these figures that the consistent with its duty as a company with obligations to its bankers, 100,000 remaining shareholders and creditors. Every week that has passed brings nearer the possibility of technical insolvency.

sources (mainly the taxpayer).
In this situation, and after correspondence with Leyland, the NEB has concluded that there can be no further funds for the original cars plan, including the new Mini.

Exactly two weeks ago, the NEB gave warning that if cash continues to flow out of Leyland at the present rate, a drastic review of the CRTs plan will have to take plane at the

drastic review of the cars plan will have to take place, at the latest during March. Even if production is quickly restored at this late hour, the NEB is still demanding tangible measures for improved and sustained productivity before puting its investment funds.

In short, the whole Ryder plan is now endangered. The

pion is now endangered. The dream of Leyland becoming a viable volume car producer in the 1980s may be shattered. This year Leyland faces the

prospect of paying both interest

and instalment repayments on

various long-term loans; it has

to finance new methods of dual-sourced stockbuilding; and

it has to supply more cars than

in any recent year to distribu-

Government made it quite plain

that the latest ultimatum to the toolmakers does not trans-

tion is restored."

between 1976 and 1978.

The leaves of 5200m had to Secondly, on the evidence that it lost in 1976 one fifth The balance of £200m had to of its planned production schedules and has begun 1977 with disastrous levels of output, the board has to ask itself come from Leyland's existing overdraft arrangements and it was proposed that the Govern-ment should look after most of the remaining finance after hether it can except to deliver the £1,500m in internelly generated profits over the next seven years to qualify for the £1,000m it needs from external

Despite strikes (including polroom troubles) and a poor market share performance, the NEB advised the Government that f.100m of loan capital should be supplied. Accordingly, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, obtained parliamentary approval for a E30m facility under Section 8 of the Industry Act.

Maurice Corina

This has left the NEB with the responsibility for £70m, drawing this on its own account from the National Loans Fund, but less any sums that Leyland might raise itself from non-public sources.

Drawings on this money bave only just begun. As far as can be established, the Government is still holding on to its £30m, but the NEB has just paid over £25m from its own funds and is now agonizing over the other

That, if paid, still leaves Leyland with the need to find £20m at a time when it is now losing £10m to £15m a week, when bankers are getting restless and the "big spend" implicit in its 1977 business plan simply cannot be justified. It is true, of course, that Leyland is about to report a profit of £75m on its operations in the 15 months ended December 31, 1976. But most of

this came from non-car activities and exchange rate gains.
The board of Leyland has been driven by the financial crisis besetting Leyland Cars to the point where the cash flow and productive performance cannot sustain the ambitious cars plan, for which funds have to be committed this year.

Leyland has been due to revise its corporate plan and roll it forward this summer. The present crisis, however, arises because it is necessary to pro-vide some of the new funds, scheduled in the 1977 business plan, before the summer decis-ions on the very large commit-ments envisaged in the original Ryder strategy.

The funds cannot be held up

without jeopardizing the whole capital expenditure programme, It has to be understood that

the NEB is required by the Government to be concerned not solely with expenditure in any one year but with the total part of the reorganization pro-

Besides this duty, the NEB is also required to be satisfied in screening capital projects ahead of the major review due this summer that necessary improvements in productivity have been discussed and accepted by

the workforce.

The Leyland board therefore faces two problems. First, it is fighting for short-term survival,

Tough Texan heading for the trade talks

"I wouldn't recognize a single European finance minister if I passed him on the street today. By the end of this year I will know each one of them well . . . I will travel long and I will travel hard and go wherever there is a problem." These are the words of Mr Robert Strauss, former chair-

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man of the Democratic National Committee, whose appointment to the Cabinet post of United States Special Trade Representative was announced last

Mr Strauss will have overall charge in this of American trade negotiations with the EEC, the developing countries and with the Communist block. Receptly he gave The Times his first interview since the news of his forthcoming pointment was leaked Washington.

A colourful and powerful Texas Democrat, he is disarm-ingly candid and says bluntly ingly candid and says bluntly
that his candour may at first be
one of his biggest problems in
negotiating with Europeans. He
stresses that he always says
exactly what he means.
"I will have to convince
people that I really am candid.

I stay out in front of my posi-tions, not behind them. I don't hold anything back and this way of negotiating has served me very well so far. I can imagine that some foreign people are going to find it difficult to get

...I am a negotiator. It was the chief strength I brought to my political life 9

he knows next to nothing about incernational grade. But he does not regard this as a disadvan-tage. "You can learn a lot of things and I'm sure I'll be able to learn all I have to about this. At least it means that nobody knows what my views are and that means that I start without

He admits, too, that at present

tors both at home and abroad.
All this, and more, arises when
the entire profit of 1976 and
part of 1975 has been wiped having any opponents.

"This helps . . . I want to
maintain a certain mystique
about myself for as long as out in the first six weeks of its new financial year.

Lord Ryder asked Leyland to become more profitable than Mr Strauss pointed out that any European motor producer had ever been. Yesterday, the

it would be inappropriate for him to discuss specific aspects of the negotiations before him but he leaves absolutely no doubt that he will be an extremely tough negotiator.

It said: "Whatever happens.

It said: "Whatever happens.

It review of British Leyland will

now be needed. How drastic it

will be will depend on the

speed with which full produc-His greatest asset and one that should gain him respect among his European counter-parts is his good contacts with the leaders of the Congress. He knows these leaders well and



Mr Robert Strauss

counts many of them among his ersonal friends after working for the past few years to unify the Democratic Party and to make it into the effective machine that produced last November's election successes.

He said that this would help He said that this would neep him, in so far as foreign leaders would know that he would be able to speak forcefully and clearly for the United States and that the commitments he entered into would win the backing of the Congress. His extensive political contacts and this philips on win congressional bis ability to win congressional support for President Carter's trade policies appear to be key reasons for his appointment.
"I don't consider myself a

protectionist and I suppose my instincts are those of a free-trader... but I don't have any fixed positions right now and I don't want to discuss substantive issues at this time", he said. He added: "I am a negotiator. It was the chief strength

I brought to my political life. "I am not an intellectual in any way, but I am imaginative. Hopefully, with the use of the right people and my imagina-tion, it will be possible to open up some new opportunities . . .

The Carter Administration has said forcefully that it fully intends to accelerate the pace of the multilateral trade negotistions—sometimes called the "Tokyo Round"—that are taking place in Geneva. Mr Strauss seems just the dynamic and energetic person needed for

He is already working hard to brief himself for this post. sceing leaders of the Congress, staff assistants in the Trade Office, key members of the Cabinet and some foreign businessmen.

The job of Special Trade Representative is frequently seen in Washington as the most thankless task in the Administration. The conflicting pres-sures from business, trade unions and domestic and foreign

politicians are immense. Mr Strauss is aware of this,
"I am certainly not concerned with winning any popularity

contest. He added: "I don't think one can do this job well and make everyone happy at the same time."



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Interim results (unaudited) for the half year to 31st December, 1976 6 months 6 months to 31.12.78 to 31.12.75 26.6.76

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Group Sales .	72,364	55,425	116,837
Profit before Taxation	3,936	1,522	5,374
Eamings Attributable	1,683	715	2,205
Earnings per Share	4.39p	1.87p	5.76p

to be about £8 million. An interim dividend was declared of 1.4p (1976-1.0p). It is the

during the half year. Profit before taxation for the full year is forecast

Directors' intention to declare dividends for the year totalling 3.0886p (1976-2.8078p)—the maximum permitted under current legislation. 27 Hill Street London W.1.

Business Diary: Question marks • Sir David, impresario

Siven the stringencies of pay £25,000 a year post at the end control, it is a reasonable of the month. leduction that the executive Lucas is a born survivor, directors of British Leyland lave not had any radical revision of their service agreements.

Is at similarly reasonable to references on Leyland instant references on Leyland having come through an endless chain of events and crises. He has been able to give the board instant references on Leyland history and cuch is his experience that

pring and Lord Ryder may lave it in mind with a Governnental nod and a wink to make First, there is Alex Park, the this executive who was picked out by Lord Ryder to take accurive control as Lord books and John Barber were leemed not the men for the

company.

Park's service contract, worth £47,500 a year, expires in May 31. That is also the late for renewal of the contract of Per I are not per I are ract of Pat Lowry, director of ersonnel, whose job has been ated at £25,000. The position of Derek Whit-

aker, managing director of eyland Cars, is not known, at it would not be unreasonble to assume that he has varity with the £27,500 which vas being received by Ron illis, who resigned last year as nanaging director of trucks

If there are to be changes, and some union people feel a ew heads could roll, now must eem a good time.

There has to be one major ppointment, for Ron Lucas, ompany secretary and director responsible for secretarial. egal and corporate auditing ervices, is retiring from his.

issume that a question mark and such is his experience that may hang over a few of the Lord Ryder recommended his tey figures on the boardroom? directorship, in order to secure all their service agreements his long experience, and he have been due for renewal this attracted special mention in directorship, in order to secure the Ryder report.
The impending return from South Korea of George Turn-bull would seem to be timely.

Once tipped to succeed Lord Stokes as British Leyland chairman, he resigned as managing director three and a half years ago in a row over the future of the group's Austin-Morris wing. He subsequently became vice-president of Hyundai Motors, with a brief to establish a

motor industry in South Korea. Could it be that Whittaker, whose car division is blighting Lord Ryder's hopes, finds a shadow across his desk? shadow across Nobody's saying.

Brown bear

Sir David Brown, perhaps best known as president of David Bron Tractors and the man who married Aston Martin to Lagonda, emerged in a new role yesterday, that of impre-

This is in connection with a play and a musical to be staged by Walter Jokel's Grosvenor Entertainments, the first they have put on since Sir David recently became chairman. As is usually the case with



mything in which Sir David has a hand, there is an element of novelty. Jokel with Sir David's help, has persuaded Berger, the German-owned paintmakers; to put up a third of the £40,000 or so production

Jokel says it is the first time

that commercial theatre finance has been raised from industry. According to Grosvenor, the Berger investment is being regarded as "an ongoing situation", whatever that may be. It may mean that Berger which expects a profit on the investment, will plough back the money into further produc-

Jokel also discerns elements ofongoingness. Should the productions make money, he and Sir David will be after other commercial investors.

The play is Arsenic and Old Lace, which was first performed in 1941, and the musical, which is for children, is called Rupert, after the bear of that We rather thought that Berger had missed the boat in

tiers of theatrical invention

backing these two. What better choice for a paint company than a previous Grosvenor pre-sentation. Joseph and the sentation, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream-

Un the move

While Sir David was speaking his piece in London yesterday he was in fact being upstaged by fellow Aston Martin man Fred Rardey in Geneva.

Neither production is everybody by saying that he was action in case riots become as destined to push back the fron-resigning as managing director popular as kidnapping.

of Aston Martin Lagonda over differences in marketing policy. He will have an unusual chance to put his theories into action, for he plans to operate as a freelance salesman dealing in the company's cars. He has been with the company for 14 years through thick and thin and was sales director

until a year ago when a con-sortium of British, American and Canadian investors bought the troubled company from William Willson's Company His place as managing director will be filled by one of the investors, Alan Cartis.

Riot act

If you are thinking of taking your car on holiday to Italy this summer, keep well away from demonstrations. The owners of cars destroyed

in last weekend's urban guerrilla warfare thought to be 80 in Rome—can expect little sympathy from their insurance companies. insurers are hinting that they will invoke a clause in most policies excluding claims for damage arising from riots, civil disturbances, acts of war and atomic risks. Shopkeepers may be more lucky. A number of shops had windows broken and stock

stolen. If they had taken out specific insurance policies, they should have no need to worry. Representatives and lawyers of hig insurance companies are In Switzerland for the Geneva reported to be holding meetings Motor Show, Hartley surprised to devise a common line of

Robeco Invests in strength Highlights from the Annual Report 1976

* Even more emphasis laid on investment in stronger countries.

* Assets invested in America (39%) and

Japan (14%) up - in Europe down.

* Listing in Tokyo brings Stock Exchanges quoting ROBECO shares

* Shares again much in demand. 1,750,000 new shares issued in 1976. * Total assets up from £963 million to £1,033 million.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

No ground lost on busiest day in 14 months

for 14 months as some good, early buying gave way to widespread profit-taking.

Dealers said the suggestion

of a 20 per cent inflation rate by the summer kept many potential buyers on the side-lines, but with the money markets pointing to another MLR cut this week, most prices were not allowed to fall very far as the small sellers appeared. Bargains marked appeared. Bargains marked were 9,591.

Last mentioned here at 202p on February 12, when we revealed the sale of the key Algoma Rail-way stake, Estates House Investvestment Trustis now 247p, with 14p of that in the last two days. They may now be nearing the sort of price a bidder would put on them soon. Commercial Union is now the front runner with a solvency margin that it want to strengthen

Among the industrial leaders there were tuppenny rises from ICI at 357p and Glaxo at 485p, but Unilever reacted from Monday's sprint, losing 10p to 476p on profir-taking.

Incheape, the company around which the new dividend house forther gave up 30 to

hopes centre, gave up 3p to 387p for a similar reason, but other overseas earners in good form were Hoffnung 7p to 95p, Esperanza 5p to 180p and Rio Tinto Zinc, which rose another 8p to 221p.

The pick of an active bids

section was Judge International which soured 12p to 23p after agreed terms from BSR. The agreed terms from 55A. The speculators returned to Kode International up 3p to 83p in spite of the earlier news of abortive bid talks while there was also speculative interest in Revertex firmer by 3p to 92p and Downs Surgical where the rise was 6p to 32p

The FT Index, 2.1 off at 2 pm, rellied on a late mark-up to close at 427.9 just 0.9 lower on the day. Most still expect to see it at around 450 by the Budget, though there is a cautious school which would settle for 10 points less than that.

In the gilt-edged market, interest rate hopes brought a switch to the short end of the range where final gains

and Downs Surgical where the rise was 6p to 33p.

In late trading, a monopolies reference clipped 5½p from Serck at 88p with bidders Associated Engineering adding 6½p to 104p. Another reference concerned Sketchley's offer for Johnson Group, with the latter dipping 5½p to 41½p on the news and Sketchley half a point to the short end of the range where final gains

Look for a run from Charles Hill of Bristol, capitalized at around £1.4m. Terms of £2.25m are reported to have been agreed for Bristol Corporation to take over part of Hill's ship-repair yard which gives the shares an undervalued look. A persistent demand took them 15p higher to 118p, a gain of 21p in two days.

In teas, all eyes were on McLeod Russel after news that, like Inchcape, the company had received permission to raise dividends because of overseas earnings.
The shares rose 9p to 229p

with Camelia 5p to 137p and Moran 15p to 215p being others in demand. On the electrical pitch, Hoover "A" rose 4p to 265p

after the annual report while the annual meeting of Rank left the shares 2p lower at 196p. Retailer Henry Wigfall lost 5p to 145p on profit-taking.

to 145p on profit-taking.

Hopes of tax concessions in
the Budget brought furniture
shares to life with Court up
6p to 90p, Parker Knoil 5p to
75p and Stag 2p to 80p.

A broker's circular on shipbuilding nationalization terms

stretched to three eighths. There was a similar picture among the medium dates, but J. Bibby were 2p ahead at 126p after news of a strong jump in profits. Ahead of figures, frozen food group their initial losses.

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lost 41p to 85p. In the building sector, bullish figures and a cheerful statement helped housebuilder Leonard Fairclough to rise 8p to 202p while some interest in French Kier

C. E. Heath, firmer by 8p to 575p, Christopher Moran 5p to 215p. Sedgwick Forbes 5p to 277p, Alexander Howden 4p to 150p and Hogg Robinson 3p to 157p.

Equity turnover on March 14 was £90.04m (19,126 bargains) Active stocks yesterday, accord ing to Exchange Telegraph were ICI, Shell, RTZ, BAT De Commercial Union, Barclay, had the shares a penny firmer at 21p.
In oils, both BP 880p and Shell 516p lost 4p,
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Latest dividends

Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	div	ago	date	total	year
J. Bibby (£1) Fin	3.85	3.92	_	5.85	530
Brooke Bond (25p) Int	0.75	0.68	1/7	_	2,46
Capseals (5p) Int	0.8	0.7	17/5	1.7=	1.54
Citicorp (\$4) Qly	26.5±	24#	2/5		96±
Frederick Cooper (10p) Int	0.3	0.21	26/4		0.41
Cope Allman (5p) Int	1.4	1.0	1/7	3.08*	2.8
Ductile Steels (25p) Int	1.75	1.59	6/5	_	4.33
East Lancashire (25p) Fin	1.76	1.75		2.93	2.93
Falcon Mines	25‡ 2	2211	_		35±
Grindlays Hold's (25p) Fin	2	Nil	25/4	2.5	Nil
Kleinwort, Benson (25p)	2.17	2.03	4/4 .	3.68	3.46
Lambert Howarth (20p) Fig	1.97	1.76	10/5	2.87	2.61
Mercantile Inv (25p) Fin	0.65	1.17	4/5	0.95	1.61
Midiand Drayton Int	0.96	1.01	_	-	1,98
Pentos (10p) Fin	2.54	2.19	man '	3.49	3.84
Rosedimond In (25p) Sc Int		1.87	36/4	3.8	3.7
Swines & Pite Int	2.15	1.95	4/4		8.58
Trade Indemnity (25p)	4.78	4.33	-	7.51 .	5,83
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Drought helps Bibby double its money

By Nicholas Hirst The summer drought helped push animal feed group J. Bibby comfortably above its forecast to record pre-tax pro-fits of £4.2m in 1976 against £2.1m. Attributable profits in 1975

disappeared beneath a provi-sion against proceeds of the sale of its Italian subsidiary, Cip Zoo. The largest part has not been received. Legal proceedings are continuing to obtain the £2.15m still at stake, but at least there

are no comparable write-offs to

deplete transfers to reserves this time.
The feeds and seeds division. of which animal feeds is by far the greater part, almost doubled 1975 trading profits to almost £3m; although this level is unlikely to be sustainable the lack of winter fodder will con-

provides a healthy cash margin.
Edible oils turned round from a £228,000 loss to a modest profit and more is hoped for in 1977.

The acquisition of Broad Acres, an oven-ready turkey company, and Clyde Paper, will add to the profits of the specialist paper division and the farm products division, both of which broadly maintained. of which broadly maintained their position. The group still considers that

It is unlikely that the edible oil division will make a satisfactory return, which would be around fim. It is looking at ways of solving the problem of over capacity on the seed crush-Interest charges were slightly

lower than the previous year's £1.5m and Mr Ben Bibby, chairman, believes that despite a possible downturn in feeds tinue to benefit the group and and seeds, higher profits will be the 40 per cent increase in seen this year. The shares rose animal feed prices last year 2p to 126p.

A scrip issue to spice Fairclough record

Up went the shares in December 31 show pre-tax Leonard Fairclough yesterday profits up nearly one fifth to by 80 to 2020 agen though they a record £5.95m, as many eren mougn inev were only 1660 last August with the interior Daures. The issue proposed will scrio lighten the price at a stroke. The 1976 figures confirm that this builder and civil engineer and owner of Wentworth Club has a good grip on the local authority problem contracts it inherited with Sir Lindsay Parkinson, acquired nearly two and a half years ago.

The interim profits showed a one third increase, and turn-over a gain of one fifth; and the full results for the year to

expected, and sales ahead by just over a tenth to £163.47m. The dividend rises by the maximum to 9p net, or 13.86p gross. Diluted earnings were a comfortable 29.6p against 27p. Even more encouraging, Mr Oswald Davies, chairman, reports that the group entered this year "with a good work-load at prices to which it can work".

The group plans an increase in authorized share capital; a scrip issue of three for one; in authorized share capital; a scrip issue of three for one; with a rise from £3.05m to £3.06m. Sales at this division Fairclough Construction Group.

Judge says yes to BSR £1.6m bid

By Tony May

One week after announcing a bumper 1976 result and a £15m rights issue, BSR, the record-changer and Swan Brand kitchen equipment group is making an agreed bid for Judge International, the sauce-

pans and housewares group.
The terms are 25p cash The terms are 25p cash a share—double the share price before the bid. They pur a tag of just over £1.6m on Judge. The directors of Judge, and their families, hold about 13 per cent of the equiyt, and back the bid. They expect profits for the six mooths to December 31 to show a further loss of £360,000, against a loss of £284,000. The loss for the whole of 1975-76 was £954,000, compared with a profit of compared with a profit of

Things have been picking up recently, and the board expects a "satisfactory" result for the second half of the year. If the offer goes unconditional, Mr Lloyd Ressler will retire as chairman, but he will stay on as Judge's managing director. The two non-execusive directors will resign.

The directors of both com-panies expect BSR's financial strength to "enhance the de-velopment of Judge's business". At BSR, profits for the year to January 8 soared to £28.6m compared with a collapse to £9.43m a year earlier. However, nearly all the running was made by the group's record-changer division, which is understood to control more than 60 per cent of the world market. Its contribution to profits was £26.2m.

The consumer products divi-sion, which includes Swan kettles and Goblin Teasmades,

Bouncy Cope Allman aiming for £8m By Ronald Pullen

Cope Aliman International has bounced back after the setbacks of the past couple of years. Pre-tax profits in the six months to December 31 were as much as 143 per cent higher at £3.94m compared with the same period last year.

Turnover at the packaging, engineering, fashion and leisure conglomerate rose 31 per cent to £72.4m, with exports more than 50 per cent up at £10.2m. The recovery in packaging and engineering has been most pro-nounced with sales in each division 40 per cent up. Cope Allman reports that

engineering orders are encour-aging. Record profits are en-visaged for the year as a whole. Leid low for the past two years by customer destocking, packaging came back with profits of £1.54m against a small loss in the first half of last

though the group is looking for a second half upturn to leave the year all square. Fashion, too, was a quarter lower at £615,000 and the distri-

bution side is still in the red. Anticipating a more even disribution between the halves, Cope is looking for a similar outrurn in the second ar months. So assuming pre-tax profits of £8m, the shares are selling at 5.6 times earnings at 484n. 494p.

To reduce the disparity in dividend psyments Cope has declared an interim payment of 2.2p gross and on its forecast of a full year payment of 4.75p the shares yield 91 per cent. The group is confident that it can handle further capital spending and higher working capital as sales increase from

its own resources. The 42.4 per cent owned subyear.

There are still, however, weak spots. Leisure profits, chiefly from Bell-Fruit gaming machines, were a tenth lower in the first half at £1.24m, profits of £1.2m for the year. sidiary, Capseals, also reports a big improvement. Trading profits shot up from £73,000 to £513,000 and the company is

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McLeod Russel join dividend fast set ordinary, issued to satisfy the acquisition of Consolidated Tea & Lands last year, is raised from 13.338461p a share to the

By Ray Maughan
The McLeod Russel tea plantation group has become the second major international trader to secure Treasury exemption from dividend re-

Following the Treasury's guidelines, confirmed by Inch-cape at the weekend, which allow dividend freedom to companies which trade and are taxed almost entirely outside the United Kingdom, McLeod is to hoist the dividend on the ordinary shares from 9.93231p to 15.3846p gross a share. The payment on the preferred

Stock windfalls

to interim peak

Helped by stock profits.

Ductile Steels did better than ever before in the balf-year to

January 1 and shareholders get

Sales climbed by 48.58 per

cent to £27.2m. But pre-tax profits jumped 87.47 per cent to

£3.14m, compared with £4.7m

for the whole of the year

Mr R. Sidaway, chairman, points out that a lot of the

gain came from stock profits

which arose from the two steel

price increases in July and

Operating profits, a record for a first half-year, would have been higher but for some divi-

sions working below capacity.

The gross interim payment goes up from 2.44p to 2.69p and the

board expects the final, 4,22p last time, to be the maximum.

Trading conditions are still "very uncertain" and steel prices are unlikely to rise, So

Mr Sidaway does not expect stock profits in the second half.

Hence second-half profits will probably not exceed the first's

but new capacity is coming on stream, and the group is well

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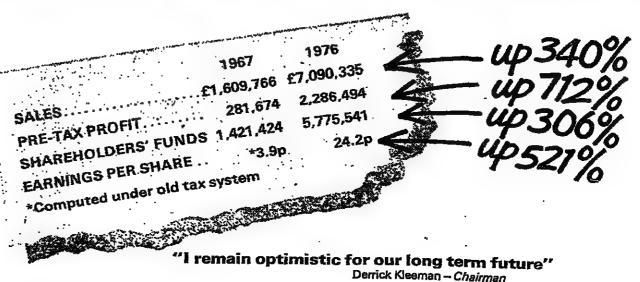
same gross total, and under the articles of association will be converted into ordinary shares. McLeod, however, has re-cently embarked on a pro-gramme of divestment in India and started to untangle its relationship with James Fin-lay, another major plantation owner. The Indian Government is buying three wholly or partly

next five years.

These assets produced £1.4m from a total of £3.6m pre-tax. But, as McLeod chairman Sir John Brown, explained yesterday, tea profits are likely to remain high for a time in view of prevailing selling prices, thus bolstering the contribution from remaining tea assets even if the repatriated sale proceeds are invested in the United Kingdom.
There is no immediate fear, in his view, that the disposal in owned McLeod tea-producing subsidiaries in return for £5.1m India would force the group back into the confines of domes-

in cash which will be repatri-

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sion fund management ip the largest of the exempt is in this country, has now yed the £500m mark. Funds er management are now

the past year the pension deroup increased the num-of its clients from 219 to a move towards managed ds which Mr Keith Hall, L & pension management's man-r, explains in terms of the pe available to these pension ds through such a diverse d. It includes an ordinary re, a fixed interest, a proty and a mixed property, ity and gilt fund.

rguing the case for private inst public authority ected investment funds Mr Il says: "The market system its imperfections, of course. ere is no evidence however r bureaucrais, however conentious, make fewer mistakes un private enterprise."
& G's pension fund

inagement concentrated on sperty and mixed fund investints last year. On the pronts made at equivalent yields around 8 per cent produced liper cent aggregate capital pin on the year against a 2 reent capital profit on the

al £169m fund.

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G plans to increase its

ime property portfolio this

ar, and is willing to consider

ort-term reversionary and instrial properties on this ar's shopping list. The property fund managed

10.3 per cent appreciation on a year, 41.6 per cent up on five-year period since the nd started. The mixed fund, 33 per cens

vested in short to long Govgative performance in the ar at -1.4 per cent, an out-re markedly improved by the cent recovery in the FT idex and now showing a 15.3 er cent rise in the year against 16.1 per cent improvement in ne FT All-Share Index.

On a five-year view the mixed und has managed a 30.9 per ent appreciation to February, 977, against a 20.4 per cent ise in the FT All-Share Index. 45.2 per cent increase in the roperty Fund and only a 16.5 per cent rise in the ordinary.

E Lancs Paper profitable nd optimistic

Having recovered from a first-If loss to a small profit East

an, Mr C. G. Seddon, ways that
e group will probably make a
reasonable recovery this or as well. Demand picked up in the last larter and continues to grow.

istic than at any time in the ust two years. Turnover for 1976 rose 8.2 ir cent to \$22.5m, but pre-tax

ofits fell 83 per cent to 13,000. They included 5,000 from the release of - ock provisions no longer reored. The gross dividend is The board warned share-

ilders a year ago that 1976 be poor, Weak markets, reign competition, high inrest rates and a sinking bund, undid most of the oup's efforts to improve per-

nonthegal & Gen Argyle's oil fuels Kleinwort ension A worthwhile contribution its stake by cent.

Mr P. C. Boon, chairman of

sold some £4.6m of its £6.6m of gilt-edged at a loss of £979,000,

A note to the accounts reveals that WAR could face a tax lia-

bility of £1.7m (of which £940,000 has arisen in the past year) if the Inland Revenue

wins its case to tax notional pro-fits on a \$20m subordinated debt issue. Like several other

banks, WAB is disputing the Revenue's contention and has made no provisions. WAB in tends to repay the loan this

Woods'e-Burmah

wants more cash

Hard on an inquiry by the

needed to carry on full partici-

pation in exploration and feasi-bility studies on Australia's North-west Shelf and these will

be sought as equity capital.".
The company added that no

decision on the amount or tim-ing of the issue had yet been taken. Just over a year ago

Woodside made a rights issue

of AS21m on a one-for-five basis

at 70 cents to finance explora-

dom oil group, faced with financial pressures of its own at the time declined to take up its

entitlement. It thereby reduced

Burmah Oil, the United King-

tion in the same area.

from its 23 per cent stake in the Argyle Field helped boost the contribution of merchant bank Kleinwort, Benson, to the 1976 results of Kleinwort, Benson, Lousdale.

After tax and the normal ransfer to inner reserves, profits of the merchant banking subsidiary rose from £3.79m to £4.38m. So it was largely responsible for the increase in the parent company's after tax profits from £5.92m to £6.54m. Other

group companies in £1.43m against and associated comchipped £1.39m, panies, their numbers diminished by the group's sale of its stake in Bank of America International last May, contributed slightly higher 5740 000 Last year's contribution from

the Argyle Field was Kleinwort, Benson's first worthwhile return on its North Sea investment; and the profit contribu-tion in the current year should be at least as high—assuming good weather: After a very good year in 1976 the contribution from the

bank's bullion dealing subsidiary Sharps, Pixley, was a bit

The group has increased its fillm.
final dividend from 3.12p to A no 3.34p a share gross, making that W bility

Haw Par now without a chairman

Mr Michael Y. O. Fam has ceased to be chairman of Haw Par Brothers International and has resigned from the board. A successor has yet to be appoin-

Mr Fam joined the board and promptly became chairman in October, 1975, at the time of a series of major board changes as the company reeled under the investigation into the former Slater Walker connexions.

A few months earlier Mr James Gammell had resigned as chairman and Mr D. E. Ogilvy Watson, managing director, and Mr Ian Tamblyn, deputy-manag-ing director, had left the company.

Mr Fam's appointment was made "on the initiative" of Authority of

the Monetary Authority of Singapore and it was widely assumed at the time that he was assentially a caretaker until the controversy surrounding company had died down. WAB in tax dispute

Western American Bank (Europe), the London-based consortium bank, increased its operating profits by 57 per cent to £2.5m last year. But the bank

Hoover looks for steady growth

uncertainties" at home, mean that Mr P. C. Boon, chairman of Hoover, does not expect any early uppurn.

However, the prospect of tax relief in the Budget, and a sales drive, suggests steady progress over the rest of the

progress over the rest of the year. A further improvement is looked for overseas. All this was enough to harden the shares 8p to 270p.

In 1976 the group's pre-tax profits fell from £20.7m to £17m. The group is preparing to adjust its accounts for inflation on the Current Cost Accounting principles but it does not have detailed figures yet. But the directors estimate that adjusting for the cost of sales and depreciation, pre-tax profits went down from £12.5m to £7.2m. Even so, the present dividend would still be well covered.

so that its pre-tax profits were up from only £1.49m to £1.52m. Thanks to a £310,000 claw-back of tax over-provided for in previous years, however, net income was up from £744,000 to Yearlings at 103pc

In line with the general de-cline in interest rates, the rate for this week's local authority loans has come down to 103 per cent from 11! per cent. Major borrowers (again at par) are Stoke-on-Trent (£1.5m) and Merseyside Passenger Transport, Doncaster and Surrey County Council—all for 11m.

Trade Indemnity in 20 pc fall to £1m

In 1976, the premiums written by Trade Indemnity rose from £12.9m to £14.7m. but net profits fell 20 per cent to £1.05m. After adding £115.000 of tax relief on the cost of new leasehold premises in 1974, profits were £1.16m against £1.68m. The 1975 figure included £355,000 on the sale of Malbourne Stock Exchange asking if it knew any reason for the sharp fall in its shares this month, Woodside-Burmah Oil says: "Further funds are leases. After

After bringing forward £598,000 against £510,000, the group which writes credit insurance business both here and overseas saw profits rise from £210,000 and £220,000 and £220,000 and £20,000 and £20 52.19m to 52.26m. A final dividend of 7.37p

gross takes the year's total up from 10.5p to 11.5p. W. & E. Turner peak

Multiple footwear retailer, W. and E. Turner hoisted pre-tax profits from £497,000 to a best-ever 5652,000 last year. Turnover rose from 57m to 58.23m. Earnings a share jumped from 2.32p to 4.11p and the gross payment duly rises from 2.18p to 2.4p.

Montefibre's loss means its stake by a fifth to 42 per more capital reconstruction

From John Earle Rome, March 15

Montefibre, the fibres subsidiary of the Montedison Chemicals Group, has returned a 99,900m lire (£66m) loss for 1976, and for the second successive year is to undergo a big capital reconstruction.

A shareholders' meeting in Milan on April 30 will be asked to approve a capital write-down from 181,152m lire to 24.154m lire and is subsequent reconstitution to 241,536m lire through a rights offer of nine ordinary and nine preference shares for every two held either

ordinary or preference.
In 1975 a loss was reported of 116,804m lire. As a result of which the capital was re-

Overseas

duced from 120,768m lire to 60,384m lire and then reconstituted to 181,152m lire.

The company says that the 1976 results represent a distinct improvement, as sales of chemical fibres increased by 38.2 per cent and output by 20.5 per cent, with 74 per cent utilization of capacity, while 23,100m lire was allotted to

depreciation.
Along with fertilizers, fibres is a major loss-making part of the Montedison Group, which faces an uncertain outlook after the recent resignations of Signor Giorgi Corsi as joint managing director in charge of finance, and Signor Gioacchino Albanese, as special assistant to

One-for-ten scrip by Suez Finance Paris, March 15 .- Last year,

the net profits of Compagnie Pinancière de Suez rose from 146.9m francs to 169.5m francs (about £19.8m) and the group now makes a one-for-ten scrip issue. The net profit after capital operations fell to 4.96m francs, from 101.6m francs, and it is all being set aside as a provision against fluctuations in portfolio value. The dividend rises from 24 to 25.5 francs.—

Stdd Brands' mop-up of Dutch food firm Standard Brands, an Ameri-

can food combine, says that it plans to make an offer for the shares of Van Nelle NV of Rot-terdam now publicly held. Standard Brands owns about 56 per cent of the shares of Van Nelle NV, a processor of coffee, tobacco, food and confectionery products.

If all the Van Nelle shares, not owned by Standard Brands, are bought the dollar value of the offer would be about \$13m (about £7.6m).

The ordinary shares of De Erven Wed J. Van Nelle have been restored to loading in Amsterdam after being suspended on Thursday at 260 florins.

—AP-Dow Jones and Reuter.

Europe up, US down at Robeco

Last year Robeco's invest-ment policy was to add to interests in strong countries such as the United States and Japan. The percentage invested in North America rose from 35 to North America rose from 35 to almost 39. Japan's share went up from 13 to nearly 14 per cent but Europe fell from over 40 to 32 per cent. The cash position increased from almost 3 to 7 per cent.

This reflected selling in

rising markets and forward exchange transactions.
These deals, to the tune of

These deals, to the tune of 1,300m fl (about £302m), were concluded to cover the currency risk run with the United States part of the portfolio.

In the period September 1 to January 1 last, Robeco bought 25,000 shares in General Accident, 60,000 shares in National Westminster and 50,000 features in Part of the Part shares in Royal Insurance. It sold 275,000 shares in Beecham 100,000 shares in GEC, and 110,000 shares in Glaxo.

Sandvik for London? Sandvik AB, the carbide and

special steels group of Sweden, is pondering a foreign quotation of its shares; but no decision is likely until after the abnual meeting on May 6. A company spokesman said that if it decided to apply, London would probably be its first choice. choice.

Meanwhile, the board pro-poses a scrip issue worth a total 98.3m kroper (£13.6m), equal to one new B share with onein ten voting power for seven old shares. This would pave the way for an issue of about \$35m worth of foreign loans, to be converted in to B shares. CENTRAL LINE
Lonrho's offer for Central Line

Securities received acceptances for 369,785 ordinary shares 171.4 per cent). Lourho tow holds 87.1 per cent. Offer extended to March 29.

THE COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

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Year ended 31st December, 1976				
	1976 £'000	1975 £'000		
Tumover	163,471	147,672		
Profit before taxation	5,954	4,973		
Profit after taxation	2,828	2,394		
Earnings per Ordinary share (basic)	30.6p	28.4p		
Dividend per Ordinary share	9.0p	8.25p		

Points from the Statement of the Chairman, Mr. C. Davies, C.B.E., D.C.M., J.P.

- * Record Group operating profit has been achieved.
- * The maximum permitted dividend is pro-
- * Cash resources have remained consistently
- high throughout the year. * The Group is considered to be in an efficient state for the present and anticipated trading conditions and has entered 1977 with a good workload at prices to which it

can work.

* At an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 4th May, 1977, resolutions will be proposed to change the name of the Company, to increase the borrowing powers, to increase the authorised share capital and to authorise a capitalisation issue on a 3 for 1 basis.

Leonard Fairclough Limited, Sandiway House, Northwich, Cheshire

CIVIL ENGINEERING - BUILDING TUNNELLING · SURFACE MINING MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Black & Edg'ton goes A-Line caravanning

territory. in Britain.

shares.

profits reach the expected 2725,000 for the year to October 31. Last year profits were a record £425,000. The net assets of A-Line are about £1.1m.

the Black and Edgington board.

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The Black & Edgington camp-

of the biggest caravan makers

A further £650,000 will be puid in shares or cash if A-Line

ing new but not unfamiliar agreed bid for the unquoted A-Line Caravans of Hull, one

Black & Edgington will pay £1.3m initially of which £600,000 will be cash and the rest in

ing and leisure group is enter-

Mr David Wilkinson, chief executive of A-Line will join

The Pentland

Investment Trust Limited A member of the Association of Investment Trust Companies.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 1976 1975 21,033,710 £1,188,292 Gross Revenue 2.90p3.40p Earned per Ordinary Share Dividend per Ordinary Share Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share

Extract from Statement by the Chairman CAPITAL-The Net Asset Value of your Ordinary Shares has risen from 115p to 129p, an increase of 12% as against falls of 4% in the F.T. Actuarial All-Share index and 8% in the

F.T. Industrial Index, and an increase of 27% in the Standard and Poor's 500 Share Index, adjusted for the dollar premium and the rate of exchange. Your Board's policy of investing a substantial proportion of the Trust's assets overseas has this year, and over a number of years, proved to be of benefit to the shareholders. OBJECTIVES-We would like to restate your Board's long term policy: this has not changed for many years. It is one of investing in shares which we believe to have good prospects

for growth but not to the extent of totally disregarding

immediate income, as we believe that the majority of our

shareholders expect us to provide them with an increase in

income as well as growth of capital values over a period Added to these long term objectives must be the short term aim, to reduce the discount that your shares stand at in the Market, relative to the Net Asset Value. This discount is not materially different from that of most Investment Trust Companies, and it must be in the interests of all shareholders and members of the Association of Investment Trust Companies to reduce the overall discounts. The long term record of your company, both as regards income and Capital. would seem to me to justify a price nearer the Net Asset Value than has been seen in the last year. Investment Trusts still provide a portfolio of investments with a wide geographic

The present problem has not been created by the failure of managements to achieve better than average investment performances. This can be seen in the fact that the Trusts with the best investment records over the last five years stand at no markedly smaller discount than the average Trust. The problem has been that of supply and demand and it is to be hoped that this picture will change. The steady erosion of the percentage of equity investments held by private investors and their replacement by institutions does not of itself invalidate the worth of Investment Trusts, but it has increased the supply of stock without increasing the demand.

and industrial spread, where management costs are

Copies of the Accounts are available on request. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 3 Albyn Place,

Edinburgh 2, on Tuesday, 5th April, 1977 at 10.30 a.m. EAST OF SCOTLAND INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.

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Briefly

EUROPEAN BRAZILIAN BANK This consortium bank reports 1976 profits before rax of £4.2m, with total assets rising from £182m to £300m. Issued capital been raised from £9m to £11m by capitalization of £2m reserves.

COMPAIR'S EURO-PLACING Morgan Stanley International is handling forestandowed issue of \$10m convertible Eurobonds, 1957. The private placement is believed likely to carry \$1 per cent coupon. Issue may be finalized by end of week.

Berjuntal Tin Dredging is pro-posing a one-for-five scrip issue at the same time as splitting the AUSTRIAN BANK OFFER

Warhurgs, with Credit Seisse White Weld, Kidder Peabody Int. Berliner Handels und Frankfurter Bank. London & Continental Bankers, and Manufacturers' Hanover Ltd are planning to offer through international syndicate of through international syndicate of banks US\$40m six-year floating rate notes of Genossenschaftliche Tate notes of Genossenstrainties.

Zenuralbank Aktiengesellschaft.

Vienna, for Luxembourg listing.

Interest will be at the higher of minimum rate (expected to be 6per cent per annum) or 4 per cent above London interbank offered rate for six-month Eurodollar deposits.

WATER PREF ISSUES East Anglian Water and East Worcestershire Waterworks are making identical offers for sale by tender of film. 9 per cent redeem-able preference stock, 1982. Full

ANGLO-TRANSVAAL
Turnover of Anglo-Transvaal
Industries for half-year to Dec 31
ng from R189.32m to R219.67m and pre-tax profits from R12.76m to R13.72m. Board reports that it will be difficult to match first

FRENCH BP Societe Francaise des Petroles BP, a unit of EP, reports a loss of 1m francs for 1976, against 1975's loss of 13am francs. No dividend for third year.—AP-Dow

W. E. NORTON (HOLDINGS)

ingham, distributor, &c. of a wide COMENG HOLDINGS Group profit. SA4-27m (SA3-05m) after tax for half-year to December 31 on revenue of SA4_27m

Company has acquired for nominal sum. T. Norton, of Birm-

SA65.9m (SA51.7m). Interim dividend 5.5c (against 5c).

Sales for half-year to January 31 up from US\$1,067,3m to \$1.142.72m (2664m). Net income tafter tax) up from \$33.57m to \$47,08m, Earnings a share, \$1.36

Chairman told annual meeting that output in five months to date has been well up to expectations. Board confident year's results will

TRUST BANK OF AFRICA

LONDON & EUROPEAN 991,425 ord in London and European Group. Deneholme investments (Jersey) and Tramonto no longer have notifiable interest.

Guinness Mahon has agreed to buy for British Car Auctions, 14,137 ord in Nationwide Leisure at 10p cash a share. CH INDUST-BEAVER

FINANCE FOR N SEA
Houston. — Texas Eastern Corporation's North Sea subsidiary
has concluded a \$50m inancing
agreement with Royal Bank of
Canada to help fund development
of the Beryl Tield in the North
Sea.

TRADE DEVELOP BANK
Net earnings for 1976, after tax,
minorities and transfer to reserves
US\$23.im, against \$21.6m. Dividend, \$5 cents (44 cents). Board
reports that new year has started
well.

KLK-YULE CATTO
Kuala Lumpur Kepong 8hd now holds 2.79m ord in Yule Catto, an increase of 24,000 shares. Kuala Lumpur also owns £7,039 of 72 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock, 1983-88.

ENGLISH CHINA CLAYS In association with existing producers in Brittany, co has acquired a china clay deposit at Bertien. A subsidiary, Kaolias da Finistere SA, has been formed to operate deposit. Aithough previous owners produced china clay for paper industry. ECC has decided, after drilling and sampling, that the clay is most sulted for ceramic market. ceramic market.

Business appointments

Insurance Services

Sir Douglas Bruce-Gardner has become a director of the Iron Trades Employers' Insurance Association and Iron Trades

Captain S. R. Arnold has joined the board of Ocean Fleets. Mr R. R. Miles becomes develop-ment director of Ocean Liners. Mr Charles Lovell has been made a part-time member of the South Eastern Electricity Board. Mr William Bree becomes deputy

Mutual Insurance.

Mr Christopher Penman has Institute of Sales Management.

a director of Rufflette.

of management of the District Heating Association. Mr W. M. Tomlinson has joined the board of Thos W. Ward. Mr Trevor Flindall becomes managing director of Smarts

UNITED SCIENTIFIC

LAMBERT HOWARTH Turnover for 1976 up from 11.08m to 511.94m, but pre-tax profits down from 5512.000 to £427.000. Gross payment up from 4.91p to 4.41p.

Profit, after mx. for 1976 up from R6.96m to R7.12m. Total dividend held at 7 cents.

BCA-NATIONWIDE

On March 11, McAnally, Mongomery, for clients, Van Cutsem and Associates (acting as associates of CH Industrials), bought 7,500 ord in Beaver Group at 412p.

New chief for Barclays

Mr Peter Maitland, a director director-general of the British Inof Barclays Insurance Services and Barclays Insurance Brokers International, has been made managing director of both comstitute of Management

Or Pavid Cratchley has been ade director of research of Firth Mr B. A. W. Padgen becomes

Mr Arthur Lawson has been

elected chairman of the council

Essex Water Company

Mr. A. W. White's statement to Stockholders

The Drought

The long dry summer of 1975 to which I referred. in my last statement was followed by an abnormally dry winter and in the summer of 1976 we experienced very hot weather with very little rain over a long. period which resulted in a drought, the severity of which had not been experienced for centuries. Despite the supply problems which this drought presented, the only restriction on supplies imposed by the Company was a short term ban on the use of hosepipes by non-metered consumers, It was in fact necessary for the Company to impose this ban to comply with the terms of a bulk supply agreement with an adjoining Regional Water Authority; I refer again to this matter towards the end of my statement. As the Company had the foresight to provide adequate water storage and treatment caracity in past years, more stringent measures were not called for. Our consumers too played their part by readily responding to appeals to reduce consumption and the Company wish to

express their appreciation of this. Rainfall statistics suggest that a recurrence of the recent drought is unlikely for many years and it would be extravagant to construct works and storage facilities which would provide for such an extreme climatic contingency. With the experience of 1976, I am satisfied that the Company would be able to neet demands in any future drought period with the minimum of inconvenience to consumers,

Water Rates and Charges

The standard domestic water rate charged throughout 1976 remained at the rate fixed on 1st July, 1975; namely 6.32p in the £ on net appual value, with a differential rate of 25°, above standard in the areas formerly supplied by Southend Waterworks Company and the Borough of Maldon.

increased from 51.40p to 57.16p per 1000 gallons as from 1st April, 1976 with differential charges of 25% above standard in the areas formerly supplied by Southend Waterworks Company, the Borough of Maldon and Maldon Rural District Council and 15% above standard in the area formerly supplied by the Borough of Chelmsford Having held the domestic rate steady for 21 and the metered rate for 12 months, small increases in

The standard charge for metered supplies was

both rates appear to be unavoidable from 1st April. 1977 due to continued inflation in costs, especially of fuel and power and of materials and services purchased by the Company. The Company will continue to restrict expenditure wherever possible, always bearing in mind, however, its statutory obligation to provide an adequate supply of wholesome water.

Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure during the year amounted to £2.241.000 and the net expenditure to 31st December, 1976 now totals £44,725,000. The improvements to the North Essex Works at Layer-de-la-Haye, officially opened on 1st October, 1976 by Col. Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, together with the recent Hanningfield extensions, enabled full use to be made of water provided under the Ely Ouse Scheme. Electrification of Layer-de-la-Haye pumping station, a former coal fired station, is nearing completion. Improvements in the distribution system to which I referred last year were duly completed and, as a result, no major difficulties were experienced during the drought.

An issue of £4,000,000 of 9 %; redeemable prefer-

ence stock, 1982 was made on 13rd November, 1976

on 31st December, 1976 and the balance will be used

to finance the continuing programme of capital

expenditure on improving and extending, as may be

at an average price of £94.898 per £100 of stock. From the proceeds of this issue, £3,000,000 of 7%, (formerly 10%) preference stock. 1976 was redeemed

necessary, existing works and mains.

Changes in Capital

Reorganisation of the Water Industry The Government have now published plans for far reaching changes in the structure of the water industry which was reorganised in large measure less than three years ago. Plans include nationalisation of the statutory water companies, although no attempt is made to justify this, other than on general political grounds and with the baid statement that the continued existence of the companies is anomalous. Approximately one quarter of the population of England and Wales is supplied by water companies and during the recent drought it is significant that not one of the companies had to resort to standpipes, Furthermore, no water company imposed any more serious restriction than the banning of hosepipes, whilst others imposed no restrictions whatsoever. Despite inferences to the contrary, the Company and Regional Water Authorities work happily together. During the period of most severe shortage our Company, having imposed a ban on the use of

area of extreme shortage. The Company will oppose this threat of nationalisation, unsupported as it is by any practical reasoning, in conjunction with other statutory water companies and the Water Companies' Association,

hosepipes referred to earlier, were able to accept a

reduction of 2 million gallons a day in raw water

supplied under agreement by a Regional Water

Authority, so that relief could be given by them to an

I take this opportunity once again to thank my fellow directors for their continuing help and advice throughout the year.

It would, no doubt, be your wish to thank the staff for their loyal, willing and splendid service throughout another testing year. It is interesting to record that of our 1,046 employees, 134 have served the water industry for more than 25 years; a record of which the Company is justly proud.

MARKET REPORTS

Coffee, cocoa regain lost ground long ton. D strate, March-April. 5317. Calegija was firm—Indian. 5001. Rs540 per bale of 400lb. Dundee 105.4 four spoil. Rs540. March-April. 63 four spoil. Rs540. MHEAT.— Ganadian western red spring No 1. 15.5 per crul. July. 481.50 dir.c. 11lbury seller. US dark northern surings No 2. 14 per cent. April. May. 284.50. June. 283.40: July. 286.40: Aus. 288 trans-shipment sat 282.50: April. 288 trans-shipment sat 282.50: April. 287.50 trans-shipment east coast. ECC 186.4 April. 287. May. 288 cast coast. MAZE.—No 3 yellow American Fronch: March. 285.23: April. 283.50 Gana Coad.—EEC feed Canadian No 2

Coffee and cocoa staged advances in the London markets yesterday which took them back to the ranges ruling before last Thursday's prices collapse, in the case of coffee, to new highs.

In coffee, for new highs.

In coffee, fresh buying and shortcovering by both trade and local dealers took some prices over the £4,000-a-tonne level in morning trading. November reaching £4,052.50. At the afternoon close spot March was £272.50 up on the day at £4,062.50 and May bad gained £233.50 to £4,107.50 per tonne.

Cocoa also advanced strongly and at the afternoon close spot March was £258 up on the day at £2,664 while May had gone £333 ahead to £2,610.50.

The metals were buoyant yesterday with lead showing the way with gains of £16 for cash and £16.75 for three months. The market forged ahead on fresh buying and renewed chartist activity and remains fundamentally sound despite last week's sell-off.

Copper put on £10.50 for cash and £10.75 for three months while tin went £57.50 ahead for standard cash and £77.50 for three months.

The gains in zinc were £8.50 for cash and £8 for three months. Cocoa also advanced strongly

Commodities iT a picul.
—Atternoon —Cash, £427-28 a
ton: three months, £438-38-30,
5,700 tons, Murning,—Cash,
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Foreign Exchange

Britain continued to enjoy substantial short-term inflows, but the Bank of England neutralized its impact on sterling's exchange rate by further intervention at just under \$1.72, dealers reported.

The lira needed further steadying support from the Bank of Italy, although it closed slightly stronger in London at \$87.35-85 against the dollar from \$88.50.889.50 overnight.

Estimates of the total Bank of Italy intervention, to counter selling triggered by Italian political unrest, were not available. But it sold most of the \$15.8m traded at the Milan currency fixing,

Sterling closed at \$1.7190 down 0.05 cents on the day. The effective rate was unchanged at 62 per cent.

The British lending rate could automatically fall as low as 10.5 per cent from its present 11 per cent later this week if yields on British Treasury bills comtinue in retreat, dealers said.

Gold rose \$1.75 to close at \$146.625.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

Kleeman Industrial Holdings, a manufacturer of seals and gaskers, is still seeking com-panies in its own line of busi-

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Sorcreigns (new!): non-resident, \$49-51 (1284-2014); resident, \$51-53 (1284-2014); resident, \$51-53 (1284-2014). Mr Derrick Kleeman, chairman, in his annual statement.

He sees no reason why the group should not move ahead, barring world economic upsets.

Discount market

Credit, which was meant to be well in surplus, finally proved just about adequate to meet the market's requirements on Lombard Street vesterday. The Bank of England was not required to give assistance. Conditions were rather patchy, some houses being comfortably placed from the opening, while others were looking for sizable sums.

sizable sums.

Rates started the day at 10 per cent, but moved steadily down as low as 8½ per cent during the morning. However, when it became known there was not the substantial surplus forecast, rates firmed up to 8½9 per cent, a level that obtained at the close.

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There was a substantial excess of Government disbursements (including money from the redemption of the Electricity 3 per cent Stock 1974-77) over revenue transfers to the Exchequer, though this figure was not as large as anticipated. Cancelling this out, balances were modestly down overnight, there was fairly large bill take-up to finance, and note circulation increased slightly.

Treasury bills pursued their Treasury bills pursued their downward course in fairly active conditions. "Hots" were traded at 10-9 15/16 per cent, compared with 101-1/16 per cent overnight, a level which, if repeated at Friday's tender, would (Bank of England permitting) produce a 101 per cent MLR.

Money Market

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Wall Street

New York, March 15.—Prices closed higher on the New York Stock Exchange after holding off two waves of profit-taking.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.73 points to 965.09. Gaining issues outnumbered losing issues about 965 to about 510.

Volume totalled 23,940,000 shares compared with 19,290,000 yesterday. yesterday.

Brokers reported a spreading hope that the market might have found bottom recently.

Gold closes \$3.10 up

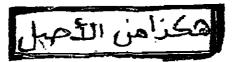


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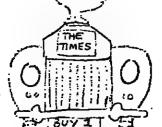
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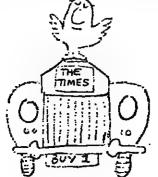
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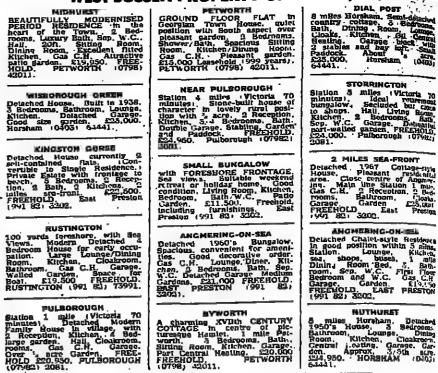
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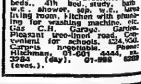
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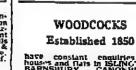
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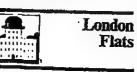


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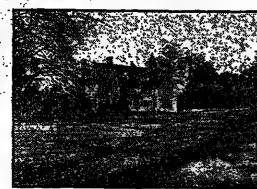
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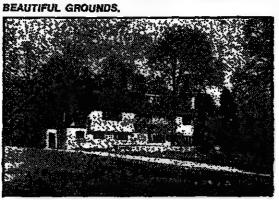
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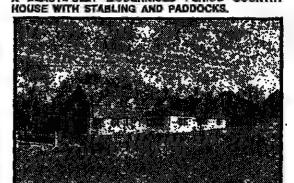
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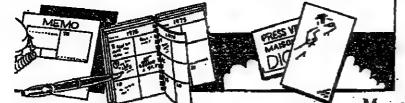
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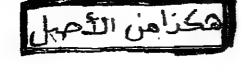
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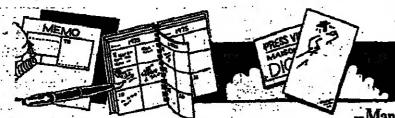
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0.55 Tonight.
1.35 The Sky at Night: The Mapping of Mercury.
1.30 Weather.
1.30 james Mason.
11.00 Cricket: Centenary Test highlights.
11.30 News.
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12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, ATV.
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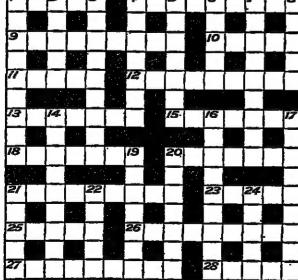
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Rower, Day.—On March 10th.
1977, in Cyprus, Dr. Christopher
Trower, of Eastbourne, to Mrs. Wendy Day, of Brighton.

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 14,551



4 Fliers with big bills for meals? (7).

Uncle Tom's boss turns un

Declines to have writer aboard? (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,550

5 Fail in court game? (7).

in India (5).

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ACROSS 1 Old halfpenny returned for American coins (5).

4 Number going to castle-needs repair, they feel (9). 9 Supreme type of Brazilian horse, perhaps? (9). 10 Some parsimonious male?

11 Princess appears to hail 14 Whereby future yields from from U.S. state (5).

12 Scaremongers disturb martial S.S. members (9).

13 Scaremongers disturb martial S.S. members (9). 13 Concerns a group providing 17 They fight with 28 in swirt-very loud tunes (7). Ing dust (9).

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15 Record imber yield from 19 Church to clean, perhaps, or this tree (7).

18 Irregular burst of tracer 20 Mandor plum? (7).

20 Sort of reading matter some find touching (7).

21 Mando Jackson gate 22 Leave former tea combine (5).

24 Everyone coming round to find touching (7).

21 Maybe Jackson gets one point in 23 (9).

(5).

22 Everyone coming round to see the coral reef (5).

23 Play for time in the theatre 25 Flower for poor Henri (5).

26 Numbers loving nolsy get-together (9).
27 Light music might be played? (9).
28 NY island for William Webb, Rugby pioneer (5).

1 Copy new plaid cut by East (9). 2 Girl makes Eugene get up

3 Slim boy wandering in the street may be an artist (9).

CLIFT.—On March 14th, 1977, in hospital, Commander Donnis Victor Clift, Royal Navy (reid), of Kingsbridge, Devon, aged 76. COMWAY MORRIS.—On March 10, Richard, husband of Barbare, father of Simon and Roderick, bother of John and Narien, Kyrie elektron, Service 11.30 a.m., Hampstead Parish Church, on Friday, March 18th, thereafter Hampstead Cemelery, Fortune Green, Flowers, if wished, to Levertons, Eversholl St., N.W.1, by 10 a.m., Friday, COOLING.—On March 14th 1977.

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BATES.—Service of thanksgiving
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EDEN.—A Memorial Service will be
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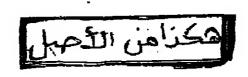


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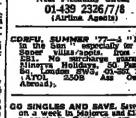
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